Suicide bomber kills at least 56, wounds 194 in mosque in Pakistan. News, Page 4

Positive jobs report

U.S. added 678,000 jobs in Feb., dropping unemployment rate to 3.8%. News, Page 6

Huskies face Hoyas

UConn women meet Georgetown today in Big East quarterfinals. Sports, Page 1

A little warmer



Mixed clouds and sunshine; high of 44. Sports, Page 8



Courant

COURANT.COM **VOLUME CLXXXVI SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022**

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia seizes nuclear power plant

NATO says invaders using cluster bombs, rejects no-fly zone

By Andrew Drake, Francesca Ebel, Yuras Karmanau and Mstyslav Chernov Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine – Russian troops Friday seized the biggest nuclear power plant in Europe after a

middle-of-the-night attack that set it on fire and briefly raised worldwide fears of a catastrophe in the most chilling turn yet in Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

Firefighters put out the blaze, and no radiation was released, U.N. and Ukrainian officials said, as Russian forces pressed on with their offensive on multiple fronts and the number of refugees fleeing the country eclipsed 1.2 million.

In urgent meetings of U.S. and European leaders at NATO headquarters in Brussels, the commander of NATO confirmed Russia was attacking Ukrainians with cluster bombs, a munition outlawed by more than 120 countries. But NATO also rejected Ukraine's pleas to establish a no-fly zone over the battered country.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg cited the risk of a much wider war in Europe. He said that to enforce a no-fly zone, NATO planes would have to shoot down Russian aircraft.

Turn to Nuclear, Page 3



goodbye to his 5-yearold daughter Friday as she departs from Kyiv on a train to Lviv. Ukraine. **EMILIO** MORENATTI/



Gas prices poised to rise well above \$4 in Connecticut. CARLINE JEAN/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

State gas prices see 'historic single-day increases' (and rising) as Ukraine conflict rages

> By Kenneth R. Gosselin Hartford Courant

as prices in Connecticut are soaring — gaining an average of 13 cents a gallon between Thursday and Friday alone and are expected to surge well above \$4, as the armed conflict in Ukraine pushes prices for crude oil to highs not seen for more than a decade.

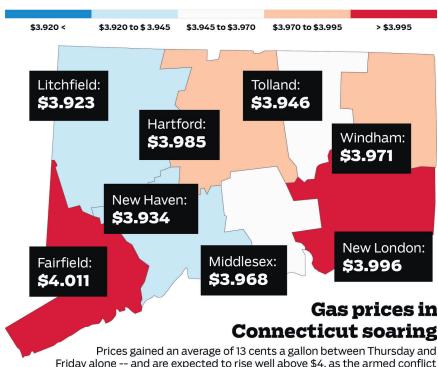
In Connecticut, the average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gas jumped to \$3.97 Friday, according to the daily survey by AAA, compared with \$3.84 on Thursday

and \$3.71 just a week ago. A month ago, the average price was \$3.53.

Friday's prices in Connecticut were well above the national average of \$3.84, AAA reported.

"Figure \$4.25-\$4.50 a gallon for gasoline before this crests or changes and figure \$4.50-\$4.75 a gallon for diesel," said Tom Kloza, global head of energy analysis at the Oil Price Information Service, a gas and oil price-reporting agency in Rockville, Maryland. "I wish I was making those

Turn to Gas, Page 2



Friday alone -- and are expected to rise well above \$4, as the armed conflict in Ukraine pushes prices for crude oil to highs not seen for more than a decade.

SOURCE: AAA, Prices as of March 4, 2022

SECOND THOU

State Rep. Vincent Candelora, R-North Brandford, and disability rights activist Cathy Ludlum speak out against a bill that would allow terminally ill patients to receive a doctor's help to end their lives. DANIELA ALTIMARI/ HARTFORD COURANT

Key committee advances state aid-in-dying bill

Legislators spent hours wrestling with measure

By Daniela Altimari Hartford Courant

A bill allowing doctors to prescribe life-ending medication to terminally ill patients cleared a key committee Friday but the measure's fate in an abbreviated legislative session remains uncer-

The public health committee vote moves Senate Bill 88 forward in the legislative process, though there's no guarantee the full General Assembly will vote on the matter before it adjourns in early May.

Rep. Jonathan Steinberg, the co-chairman of the committee and a longtime advocate for the bill, said not every terminally ill patient will choose to end their life.

Turn to Bill, Page 2

Officials grilled over deal on Sheff

Lawmakers: Hartford residents were left out of settlement talks

By Seamus McAvoy Hartford Courant

Lawmakers within the state legislature's education committee voiced wide-ranging concerns over the implications of the state's Sheff v. O'Neill settlement as they grilled officials representing the agreement for more than an hour during the committee's public hearing

Friday morning.
The Sheff settlement, reduced to its most basic form, would meet the demand for Hartford students to attend a school other than their racially segregated neighborhood school by 2028-29, and also release the state from more than three decades of litigation and court oversight.

But lawmakers, most of whom acknowledged conditional support for racial integration, criticized what they perceived as a lack of minority representation and community input for the agreement.

Sen. Doug McCrory, a Hartford Democrat and education committee chair, said it was "disappointing" that Friday was the first time he had spoken to someone involved in negotiating the settlement.

"That means that our voices were not heard," said McCrory, a longtime Hartford educator. "This settlement was crafted between your office and the plaintiffs, with not a lot of input - regardless of what you're going to tell me - from educators, especially educators in Hartford, and parents in Hartford.

"Not one person who signed

Turn to Settlement, Page 2

Great Hunger Museum collection to move to Fairfield

Ireland's Great Hunger Museum is moving to Fairfield, it was announced on Friday by Quinnipiac University, which closed the museum last summer. Connecticut, Page 1

Opinion.... ...News. 8 ObitsNews, 10-11News. 2 Puzzles Connecticut, 6 Comics...Connecticut, 5-6

Hartford Courant

\$5.50 Copyright 2021





Get recognized for what makes your company special.

Be a Top Workplace.

courant.com/nominate



"In other words,

(sanctions against

Russia are) the

catalyst for prices

screaming higher.

They are doing so

on every corner

of the planet."

— Tom Kloza, global head of

energy analysis at the Oil Price

Information Service

FROM PAGE ONE

Gas

from Page 1

prices up or engaging in hyperbole, but I am not.'

AAA began tracking fuel price data in 2000, and this week is only third time that the country has seen single-day increases as high as this, Tracy E.

Noble, an AAA spokeswoman said Friday.

"This week, we've seen historic single-day increases and today is no exception," Noble said.

The last two times were both in 2005, Noble said.

A key measure of crude oil prices this week increased 7.4% a barrel to close at \$115.68, the highest price since May, 2011.

The International Energy Agency, which helps shape global energy policy, has coor-

dinated the release of 60 million barrels of crude oil from the strategic reserves 31 member countries, half of that expected from the United States.

But the effects on pricing, AAA noted, has been limited given the amount of oil that is exported out of Russia daily, about 5 million barrels, or 12% of what is traded globally.

Some reprieve in the tight supply of crude oil could come from Iran if the U.S. and the oil-rich nation complete a new nuclear agreement and related sanctions are lifted, some energy analysts have said.

Even before Russia's invasion into Ukraine, supplies of crude oil were tight, demand was picking up amid

strong economic signs emerging from the pandemic.

With increasing sanctions on Russia, the price of oil will likely continue to rise and a potential ban would only further disrupt the supply of oil, AAA said, and translate to more pain at the pump.

OPIS' Kloza said the existing sanctions against Russia are already disrupting a supply chain — involving banks, insurers, tanker companies and others preventing an estimated

2 or 3 million barrels a day from leaving

"In other words, this is the catalyst for prices screaming higher," Kloza said. "They are doing so on every corner of the planet."

Kenneth R. Gosselin can be reached at kgosselin@courant.com.

Bill

from Page 1

"I'm sure none of us wish for ourselves, our families or anybody we know the prospect of having to contemplate such a choice. But we want to at least afford them the option," said Steinberg, D-Westport.

The committee spent more than two hours wrestling with the bill before approv-

ing it on a bipartisan vote of 22-9.

"This is not about political parties, this is about people," said Rep. Kathy Kennedy, of Milford, one of three Republicans who supported the bill.

Kennedy, a former hospice volunteer, recalled the heartache of watching a close friend struggle with ALS.

A few days before his death, he conveyed

his regret that he did not end his life before his advancing illness made that impossi-The measure was the subject of a dramatic and lengthy public hearing on

Feb. 23 and lawmakers on both sides of the

issue said they were moved by the public comments Senate Bill 88 would allow mentally competent patients with less than six months to live to obtain a prescription from a doctor for a lethal dose of medication. Ten states along with the District of Columbia

have passed similar laws. The concept has been raised in Connecticut at least 14 times since 1994. Last year was the first time the bill was approved by a legislative committee, but it died before coming up for a full vote in either the House or the Senate.

Some disability rights advocates object to the bill, saying it does not contain enough safeguards to prevent coercion and abuse of vulnerable people.

But Sen. Saud Anwar, a Democrat from South Windsor and a physician, said Connecticut's bill is more restrictive than the laws approved by other states.

Rep. Jillian Gilchrest, D-West Hartford, noted that the issue is deeply personal and those who are morally or philosophically opposed to aid in dying do not have to choose

Critics countered that passing such a policy constitutes an endorsement and could be seen as a devaluation of life.

"There are people who remain from a religious point of view and philosophical point of view opposed to the concept regardless of how many safeguards are in the bill," said Rep. William Petit, a Republican from Plainville and a physician. "They don't want society to go that way, especially at a time when we're having record high [numbers of] suicides."

Compassion & Choices, a national advocacy group backing the bill, praised the committee's vote, calling it "an important first step."

"We hope the Senate and House will act with expediency and pass this legislation this year," said Compassion & Choices Action Network President and CEO Kim Callinan. "Terminally ill residents do not have the luxury for endless deliberations and delays; they need this option now."

Settlement

and crafted this agreement lives in Hartford, or sends their child to the Hartford Public School system, and that's sad," McCrory continued. "It shows that we did not communicate enough with the people who will be hurt by this decision, impacted by the decision or benefit from this deci-

"Outside of the plaintiff and our [state Department of Education commissioner], how many people of color are here representing you today?" asked Rep. Antonio Felipe (D-Bridgeport). The answer, after a long pause during the Zoom hearing, was zero.

State Rep. Anthony Nolan (D-New London) asked if Hartford Public Schools or other community members were involved in drafting the settlement, or if it was decided "amongst bow ties and bow ties."

Impacts for Hartford schools

Hartford Public Schools is not a party in the Sheff lawsuit. However, the district does stand to be uniquely impacted should the settlement be approved by the legislature. The Sheff settlement would add up to

2,737 Choice seats for Hartford students by 2028-29, or however many it takes to meet 100% of demand. It includes millions of dollars in financial incentives for suburban schools to take in more Hartford kids, and funding to expand capacity at existing magnet schools.

The plan potentially exacerbates the district's already declining enrollment, which factors heavily in the state's school funding formula. Enrollment declined from 20,893 in 2016-17 to 17,183 in 2021-22, according to state data.

Under the terms of the current Sheff agreement, Hartford Public Schools could lose between \$40 million and \$45 million over the next 10 years, according to the district's latest analysis of likely scenarios, Superintendent Dr. Leslie Torres-Rodriguez said in an interview this week.

Torres-Rodriguez says such a fiscal loss would worsen the district's current deficit projections, "and it certainly threatens the overall financial health of our district.'

A narrow goal

Joseph Rubin, Connecticut's Assistant Deputy Attorney General, urged lawmak-

ers to accept the Sheff settlement in part to avoid turning decision-making power over to the court system.

Broader questions of education policy, Rubin said, would remain under the purview of the legislature.

"The only purpose of this settlement is to resolve the state's constitutional implications under this one court decision," Rubin said. "It is not an attempt to tell the legislature what to do broadly about education and education finance policy."

The Connecticut Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Sheff plaintiffs in 1996, declaring that the level of racial and ethnic segregation in Hartford schools violated the state constitution.

But some lawmakers and education advocates have argued that the factors driving the poor performance of Hartford's neighborhood schools relative to its suburban, mostly white counterparts has to do with funding, not racial segregation.

The U.S. Supreme Court rejected the "separate but equal" standard in Brown v. Board of Education in 1954. Still, state Sen. Gary Winfield (D-New Haven) took issue with "proximity to whiteness" as a solution to Connecticut's deeply rooted inequities.

"While I think segregation is a problem, and I think that integration of people is important, not everybody who is segregated needs to be integrated in order to be successful," Winfield said. "Proximity is one thing, education is another."

There's a huge argument out there in Hartford, for example, that if you provide the resources necessary inside of Hartford, then you wouldn't have to have your children uprooted and placed in other communities," McCrory said.

Robin Cecere, the state Department of Education's division director for school choice, told lawmakers that the department does have data that shows the merits of integrated schooling on an academic basis. The data shows that "students from

Hartford who participate in either magnet schools or Open Choice, and charter schools as well, do perform better on standardized tests than their neighborhood peers," Cecere

The Courant has previously asked the department for this data, but a spokesperson for the department said that the data is not currently publicly viewable. The data will be included once the new version of EdSight launches "in the coming months," the spokesperson said.

Seamus McAvoy may be reached at smcavoy@courant.com

Hartford Courant

A TRIBUNE PUBLISHING COMPANY

NEWS EXECUTIVE

Executive Editor

RUSINESS EXECUTIVES

Mary Lou Stoneburner Vice President, Advertising Dana S. Bisconti

Rrian W. McEnery Director, Distribution

HOW TO REACH US

The Hartford Courant and www.courant.com P.O. Box 569. Hartford, CT 06141-0569

860-241-6200 (Local calling area) 800-524-4242 (Outside the Hartford area)

Our Circulation Customer Service is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 12:00 p.m

NEWSPAPER DELIVERY 860-525-555

Subscriptions, missed delivery or missing sections, vacation stops, billing questions. For same-day redelivery, please call before 10 $\,$ a.m. daily, 11:30 a.m. Sunday. All numbers are 860 area code unless

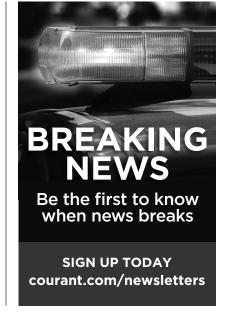
ADVERTISING 241-6221 525-2525 Classified 800-842-8824 classifieds@courant.com Death notices/Obituaries 241-6392 **SPORTS** 241-6435 EDITORIAL PAGE/LETTERS 241-6595

E-mail 241-3902

The Hartford Courant proudly participates in a comprehensive recycling program to help protect the earth's environment. You can join us by recycling this newspaper

NEWS ACCURACY AND FAIRNESS CONCERNS

Published daily and Sunday by The Hartford Courant Company (ISSN 1047-4153). Periodicals postage paid at Hartford, CT. Postmaster send address changes to: The Hartford Courant, P.O. Box 569, Hartford, CT 06141-0569. Home delivery rates: Daily and Sunday (7 days), \$17.99; *Thursday through Sunday (4 days) \$13.99; *Thursday, Friday and Sunday (3 days) \$12.50; Thursday and Sunday (2 days) \$10.50: Sunday-only service \$8.99, includes the Thanksgiving paper; Sunday through Friday (6 days) \$12.25; Monday through Friday (5 days) \$12.50; Monday through Saturday (6 days) \$11.58.All subscriptions may include up to 12 premium issues per year. For each premium issue, your account balance will be charged an additional fee up to \$5.99 in the billing period when the section publishes. This will result in shortening the length of your billing period. Premium issues scheduled to date: 1/10/21, 2/14/21, 3/28/21, 4/18/21, 5/16/21, 6/13/21, 7/11/21, 8/8/21, 9/5/21, 10/10/21, 11/21/21, 12/19/21. Dates are subject to change without notice. *Service not available in all areas. Rates may vary based on subscription length. Vacation stops do not extend expiration dates. We may increase home delivery rates with 15 days notice. The Hartford Courant reserves the right to revise or reject any advertisement. Only publication of the advertisement shall constitute acceptance of the advertisement. The Hartford Courant shall not be responsible for the omission, in whole or in part, of any advertisement or for any typographical or other error. The Hartford Courant's liability shall be limited to the amount paid by the advertiser for the first insertion only In no event shall The Hartford Courant be liable for consequential damages of any kind



LOTTERY

Friday, March 4

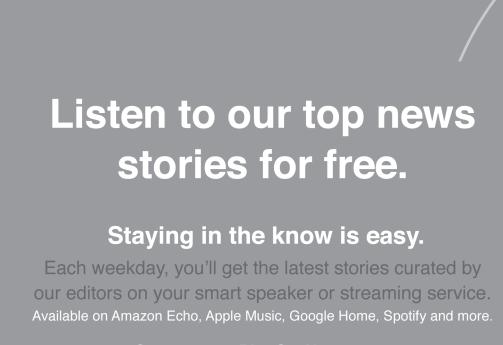
PLAY3 DAY PLAY4 DAY 7 3 2 ws: 6 7 9 2 1 ws: 5

The late lotto numbers were not drawn in time for this edition. For results, please visit courant.com/ lotterv.

THURSDAY'S LATE NUMBERS

PLAY3 NIGHT 5 0 4 ws: 1 **PLAY4 NIGHT** 5 6 4 7 wb: 8 CASH 5 1 4 15 30 33 LUCKY FOR LIFE

5 14 18 20 29 LB: 9 Tuesday's est. Lotto jackpot: \$1.2 million Tonight's est. Powerball iackpot: \$85 million



Start now at PlayOurNews.com

Chicago Tribune THE MORNING CALL

DAILY@NEWS

Hartford Courant

Orlando Sentinel

Daily Press

The Virginian-Pilot SunSentinel

Tribune Publishing Company



FROM PAGE ONE

War putting Kyiv's shrines, memorials at risk

Landmarks seen as the spiritual heart of Ukraine's capital city

By Peter Smith

Kyiv, bracing for a potentially catastrophic Russian attack, is the spiritual heart of

Among the sites at risk in the Ukrainian capital are the nation's most sacred Orthodox shrines, dating back nearly 1,000 years to the dawn of Christianity in the region.

The sites, along with other landmark shrines in Kyiv, are religiously significant to both Ukrainian Orthodox and Russian

They also stand as powerful symbols in the quarrel over whether the two groups are parts of a single people — as Russian President Vladimir Putin has claimed — or are distinct but related Slavic nations.

The landmarks include the golden domed St. Sophia's Cathedral and the Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra, a sprawling underground and above-ground complex also known as the Monastery of the Caves. Others include the multi-towered St. Michael's Golden-Domed Monastery and St. Andrew's Church.

On Tuesday, Ukrainian officials said Russian forces damaged another monument Ukraine's main Holocaust memorial, Babi Yar - prompting international condemna-

"What will be next if even Babi Yar (is hit)" asked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Wednesday. "What other 'military' objects, 'NATO bases' are threatening Russia? St. Sophia's Cathedral, Lavra, Andrew's Church?

There is no indication the Russians intentionally targeted Babi Yar. Nor is there any confirmation that the Russians plan to target any of the sacred sites in Kyiv.

But civilian buildings have been hit in other cities, and Kyiv's major shrines sit in elevated locations that could leave them vulnerable.

Case in point: The Assumption Cathedral in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, was damaged in the recent attacks, reportedly with stained-glass windows broken and other decorations damaged.

The cathedral, which is under the Moscow-affiliated Orthodox church, was Kharkiv's tallest building until sometime in the 21st century.

The risk is even greater in Kyiv.

"We're talking about a very old city," said Jacob Lassin, a postdoctoral research scholar at the Arizona State University's Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies. "The center part is densely packed. Even if you're trying to hit one thing, you could easily hit something

The symbolic value of the shrines is powerful even to people who don't share the religious faith they commemorate.

The idea that the main symbol that stood in your city for 1,000 years could be at risk or could be destroyed is very frightening,"



The Monastery of the Caves or Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra is one of the holiest sites in Ukraine's capital city. EFREM LUKATSKY/AP 2007

Lassin said.

The symbols matter not only to the Ukrainian people but to Putin, too. He justified the invasion with baseless claims he was countering "neo-Nazism" in Ukraine - this in a country with a Jewish president.

Babi Yar, a ravine in Kyiv, is where more than 33,000 Jews were killed within 48 hours in 1941 when the city was under Nazi occupation. The mass killing was carried out by SS troops along with local collaborators. It was one of the largest mass killings at a single location during World War II, according to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

It is "at once an accursed and a sacred place," American Jewish Committee CEO David Harris said.

Zelenskyy took part in the inaugural ceremony of a memorial there in 2021.

Whether Kyiv's Orthodox shrines come under direct attack or receive collateral damage, such an action would be a "total refutation" of another of Putin's claims — to be defending Orthodox Ukrainians loyal to Moscow's patriarch, Lassin said.

"It would literally be destroying the main seat of Russian Orthodoxy according to his own rhetoric," Lassin said.

The shrines' oldest parts date back to the

medieval Kievan Rus kingdom, soon after its adoption of Christianity under Prince Vladimir in the 10th century.

Putin has claimed the kingdom is the common ancestor of today's Russia and Ukraine. Ukrainians counter that theirs is a distinct nation.

The cathedral and nearby monastic complex represent "a masterpiece of human creative genius in both its architectural conception and its remarkable decoration," says a summary by UNESCO, which lists them as World Heritage Sites.

UNESCO on Thursday called for the protection of Ukrainian cultural heritage from attacks, including its religious shrines and Holocaust memorials.

St. Sophia's, built under Prince Yaroslav the Wise in the 11th century, was modeled after the Church of Hagia Sophia in Constantinople, the spiritual and architectural heart of medieval Orthodoxy.

The Kyiv cathedral includes mosaics and frescoes as old as 1,000 years, and it was a model for later churches in the region, according to UNESCO.

The huge pantheon of Christian saints depicted in the cathedral has an unrivaled multiplicity among Byzantine monuments of that time," UNESCO says.

The Monastery of the Caves, including underground monastic cells, tombs of saints and above-ground churches built across nearly nine centuries, was hugely influential in spreading Orthodox Christianity, according to UNESCO.

Both complexes were endangered and at

times damaged by centuries of warfare. St. Sophia's, sacred both to Ukraine's two main rival Orthodox churches and to Catholics, is currently a museum and isn't normally used for religious services.

Two of the landmarks are associated with opposing sides in the schism within Ukrainian Orthodoxy.

The monastic complex is overseen by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, which is affiliated with the Orthodox patriarch of Moscow, though it has broad autonomy. St. Michael's is the base for the more nationalist Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

But the Ukrainian leaders of both Orthodox groups have criticized the invasion.

If Kyiv's landmarks are damaged or destroyed, "could it potentially damage morale? Yes," Lassin said. "Could it potentially galvanize people to be more united? Absolutely. ... What I can say is the Ukrainian people are extremely resilient and are fighting back through all of this."

Nuclear

from Page 1

"We understand the desperation, but we also believe that if we did that, we would end up with something that could end in a full-

fledged war in Europe," Stoltenberg said.
"Unfortunately, tragically, horrifically, this may not be over soon," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said, emerging grim-faced from the meetings.

Pentagon officials expressed alarm over Russia's attack and capture of Europe's largest nuclear power plant and said it remains unclear how Moscow plans to use the facility. At the minimum, the Russians could cut off the electricity that the plant supplies to much of Ukraine, a senior official said.

"Using combat power to try to take a nuclear power plant over ... it just underscores the recklessness of this Russian invasion," the official said, briefing reporters in Washington on condition of anonymity.

Authorities said Russian troops had taken control of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear facility in the southeastern city of Enerhodar but plant staff continued to run it.

Two people were injured in the fire, officials said. Ukraine's state nuclear plant operator Enerhoatom said three Ukrainian soldiers were killed.

Without producing evidence, Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov claimed that a Ukrainian "sabotage group" had set the fire at Zaporizhzhia.

With world condemnation mounting, the Kremlin cracked down on the flow of information at home, blocking Facebook, Twitter, the BBC and the U.S. government-funded Voice of America. And President Vladimir Putin signed a law making it a crime punishable by up to 15 years in prison to spread so-called fake news, including anything that goes against the official government line on the war.

While the vast Russian armored column threatening Kyiv remained stalled outside the capital, Putin's military has launched hundreds of missiles and artillery attacks on cities and other sites across the country. The military also made gains on the ground in the south in an apparent bid to cut off Ukraine's access to the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, which would deal a severe blow to its economy and could worsen an already dire humanitarian situation.

A round of talks between Russia and Ukraine yielded a tentative agreement Thursday to set up safe corridors to evacuate citizens and deliver food and medicine. But the details still had to be worked out.

The U.N. human rights office said 331 civilians had been confirmed killed in the invasion but the true number is probably much higher. Inside Ukraine, frequent shelling could be heard in the center of Kyiv, though more



distant than in recent days, with loud thudding every 10 minutes resonating over the

Ukrainian presidential adviser Oleksiy Arestovich said battles involving airstrikes and artillery continued northwest of Kyiv, and the northeastern cities of Kharkiv and Okhtyrka came under heavy fire.

He said Ukrainian forces were still holding the northern city of Chernihiv and had

ABOVE: People, mostly women and children. try to get onto a train bound for Lviv, at the Kyiv railway station Friday in Ukraine. ANDRIY DUBCHAK/AP

LEFT: A local resident walks past the remains of a house of culture following a night air raid in the village of Byshiv, about 25 miles west of Kyiv on Friday. **EFREM LUKATSKY/AP**

prevented Russian efforts to take the important southern city of Mykolaiv. Ukrainian artillery also defended Odesa from repeated attempts by Russian ships to fire on the Black Sea port, Arestovich said. Odesa is Ukraine's biggest port city and home to a large naval

The Ukrainian navy scuttled its flagship at the shipyard where it was undergoing repairs to keep the frigate from being seized by the Russians, authorities said.

Another strategic port, Mariupol, on the Sea of Azov, was "partially under siege," Arestovich said. The fighting has knocked out the city's electricity, heat and water systems, as well as most phone service, officials said.

Los Angeles Times contributed.

WWW.COURANT.COM

WAR IN UKRAINE

Attack at nuclear plant raises fears

Experts: Fighting at reactors could usher in disaster

By David Rising and Danica Kirk

Associated Press

LONDON — The Russian artillery attack early Friday on a nuclear power plant in Ukraine sparked a fire that was extinguished without the release of any radiation, the U.N. nuclear energy watchdog said, but still increased fears of people across Europe who remember the 1986 Chernobyl disaster.

Even before the attack on the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant — the largest such facility in Europe — Russia's invasion of Ukraine had heightened concerns about the vulnerability of the nuclear reactors that provide about 50% of the country's electricity.

But even though the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant is of a different design than Chernobyl and is protected from fire, nuclear safety experts and the International Atomic Energy Agency warn that waging war in and around such facilities presents extreme risks.

Nuclear experts Friday stressed that the Zaporizhzhia plant is much safer than Chernobyl because the reactor is housed inside a reinforced concrete containment building designed to prevent radioactive material from escaping in the event of an accident.

Chernobyl didn't have this kind of structure.

While a Chernobyl-type event is unlikely, the



Demonstrators protest the Russian invasion of Ukraine on Friday at NATO headquarters in Brussels. OLIVIER MATTHYS/AP

containment vessel isn't designed to withstand explosive ordinance such as artillery shells, said Robin Grimes, a professor of materials science at Imperial College London.

"It is therefore staggering and reckless to the extreme that shells have been fired close to a nuclear plant, let alone targeting buildings within the plant," Grimes said. "Even if they were not aiming for the nuclear plant, artillery is notoriously inaccurate in a time of war."

One major concern, raised by Ukraine's state nuclear regulator, is that if fighting interrupts power supply to the nuclear plant complex on the Dnieper River about 100 miles north of Crimea.

The loss of off-site power could force the plant to rely on emergency diesel generators, which are unreliable and could fail or run out of fuel, causing a station blackout that would stop the water circulation needed to cool the spent fuel pool, he said.

A failure of those systems could lead to a disaster similar to that of Japan's Fukushima plant, when a massive earthquake and tsunami in 2011 destroyed cooling systems, triggering

meltdowns in three reactors.

The consequence of that, said Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, would be widespread and dire.

"If there is an explosion, that's the end for everyone. The end for Europe. The evacuation of Europe," Zelenskyy said in an emotional speech in the middle of the night, calling on nations to pressure Russia's leadership to end the fighting near the plant.

"Only urgent action by Europe can stop the Russian troops. Do not allow the death of Europe from a catastrophe at a nuclear power station."

Plant spokesman Andriy Tuz told Ukrainian television early Friday that shells fell directly on the nuclear plant facility, causing a fire at one of its six reactors.

Initially, firefighters were not able to get near the flames because they were being shot at, Tuz said.

Later Friday, Ukrainian authorities said Russian forces had taken over the nuclear plant.

After speaking with Ukrainian authorities Friday, Rafael Grossi, director general of the IAEA, the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog, said a building next to the

reactors was hit and not a reactor itself.

"All of the safety systems of the six reactors at the plant were not affected at all and there has been no release of radioactive material," he said.

"However, as you can imagine, the operator and the regulator have been telling us that the situation naturally continues to be extremely tense and challenging."

The reactor was offline at the time of the fire, but still contains highly radioactive nuclear fuel. Four of the other six reactors have now been taken offline, leaving only one in operation.

Following a conversation with Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, Grossi appealed to all parties to "refrain from actions" that could put Ukraine's nuclear power plants in danger.

Ukraine is heavily reliant on nuclear energy, with 15 reactors at four stations.

Shmyhal called on western nations to close the skies over the country's nuclear plants.

"It is a question of the security of the whole world!" he said in a statement.

Ukraine is also home to the former Chernobyl nuclear plant, where radioactivity is still leaking, which was taken by Russian forces in the opening of the invasion after a fierce battle with the Ukrainian national guards protecting the decommissioned facility.

In an appeal to the IAEA for help earlier this week, Ukrainian officials said that Chernobyl staff have been held by the Russian military without rotation and are exhausted.

US delays real-time intel to Ukraine, officials say

But White House insists information being shared quickly

By Nomaan Merchant, James LaPorta and Zeke J. Miller Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some Democratic and Republican lawmakers say the United States is delaying some intelligence to Ukraine in its fight against Russia as the U.S. also seeks to limit any direct confrontation with Moscow.

The White House insists it is consistently sharing intelligence with Ukraine quickly.

But a classified directive issued as the invasion began last week set effective limits on how quickly some tactical intelligence — the kind that shape minute-to-minute battle decisions — could be shared, according to two people familiar with the matter.

The directive from the Office of the U.S. Director of National Intelligence also limited sharing details about the specific locations of potential targets, according to the people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss intelligence matters.

More details about the directive were not immediately available.

"We are adjusting as circumstances warrant and will continue to ensure that operators have flexibility to share intelligence as the conflict evolves," said an intelligence official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the classified directive.

The issuance of the directive reflects the fine line the U.S. is walking as it seeks to aid Ukraine while avoiding a direct conflict with nuclear-armed Russia.

The U.S. is sending anti-aircraft weaponry and other arms to Ukraine and leads a global effort to impose severe sanctions aimed at crippling the Russian economy.

But it also has ruled out sending American troops to Ukraine or declaring a no-fly zone that could result at U.S. forces engaging with Russian warplanes.

The sharing of intelligence can be especially delicate because of the risk of revealing U.S. sources and methods and the uncertainty of whether Russia may have infiltrated the Ukrainian government.

Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash., who chairs the House Armed Services Committee, told MSNBC on Thursday that the U.S. was not providing "the type of real-time targeting that you see our military having gotten in conflicts like in Iraq ... because that steps over the line to making us participating in the war."

NBC earlier reported on delays in intelligence sharing with Ukraine.

One White House official disputed that characterization, saying the administration does not believe providing tactical intelligence to the Ukrainians would constitute participating in the war any more than it currently is by providing arms — which is distinct from actually putting U.S. forces in combat.

The official was not authorized to discuss the White House's thinking publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Some lawmakers in recent days have called on the Biden administration to provide more information.

"This is a matter of life and death for Ukrainians, and information about where an invading Russian tank was 12 hours ago does squat to prevent civilian bloodshed," said Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., who sits on the Senate Intelligence Committee.

There have been cases in



Secretary of State Antony Blinken, left, talks to Rep. Adam Smith, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, after President Biden's State of the Union. **WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY**

which tactical intelligence has been delayed for 12 hours or more, though most delays appear to be shorter, three people familiar with the matter said.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki on Thursday told reporters, "We have been sharing it, real time."

"We have consistently been sharing intelligence," Psaki said. "That includes information that the Ukrainians can use to inform and develop their military response to Russia's invasion. That has been ongoing, and reports that suggest otherwise are inaccurate."

Ukraine has its own intelligence service and has released some of its own findings about Russian plans to attack high-profile targets in the country or stage so-called false-flag operations — such as fabricated attacks by Ukrainian forces — that Moscow could use to justify its invasion.

The U.S. has a more limited intelligence sharing relationship with Ukraine than it does with other Western countries, notably the other four members of its so-called "Five Eyes"

alliance — Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

One limiting factor in what the U.S. can provide is Russia's infiltration of the Ukrainian government.

The Ukrainian military and intelligence services have long struggled with rooting out Russian spies or sympathizers. And while Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has sought closer ties to the West, other recent Ukrainian governments have been closer to Moscow and have key allies still in government.

Russia to punish 'fake' reports on 'special military operation' in Ukraine

By James Ellingworth
Associated Press

DUSSELDORF, Germany — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday signed a bill introducing a prison sentence of up to 15 years for those spreading information that goes against the Russian government's narrative on the war in Ukraine.

The bill criminalizing the intentional spreading of what Russia deems to be "fake" reports about the war was quickly rubber-stamped

by both houses of the Kremlin-controlled parliament earlier in the day.

Russian authorities have repeatedly decried reports of military setbacks or civilian deaths in Ukraine as "fake" news. State media outlets refer to the invasion of Ukraine as a "special military operation" rather than a "war" or an "invasion."

Vyacheslav Volodin, the speaker of the lower house of Russian parliament, said the new measure "will force those who lied and made

statements discrediting our armed forces to bear very grave punishment."

The new law envisages sentences of up to three years or fines for spreading what authorities deem to be false news about the military, but the maximum punishment rises to 15 years for cases deemed to have led to "severe consequences."

Also Friday, the state communications watchdog, Roskomnadzor, blocked Facebook and five foreign media organiza-

tions based abroad which publish news in Russian in a sweeping action to establish even tighter controls over the information about the Russian invasion of Ukraine reaching ordinary Russians.

Roskomnadzor blocked Facebook, citing its alleged "discrimination" of the Russian media and state information resources.

The agency said in a statement that the restrictions introduced by Facebook owner Meta on the Russian news channel RT and other

state-controlled media violate the Russian law.

The Russian media blocks also affected five foreign media organizations based abroad that publish news in Russian. They included the BBC, the U.S. government-funded Voice of America and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, German broadcaster Deutsche Welle and Latvia-based website Meduza. Together, they are among the most influential and often critical foreign media publishing in Russian.

Roskomnadzor said those media had published "false information" on subjects including "the methods of carrying out combat activities (attacks on civilians, strikes on civil infrastructure), the numbers of losses of the Russian Federation Armed Forces and victims in the civilian population."

The BBC said Friday it was temporarily stopping the work of all its journalists and support staff in Russia while it assessed the implications of the new law.

WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

High court reinstates jury's death sentence for marathon bomber

From news services

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court has reinstated the death sentence for Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.

The justices, by a 6-3 vote Friday, agreed with the Biden administration's arguments that a federal appeals court was wrong to throw out the sentence of death a jury imposed on Tsarnaev for his role in the bombing that killed three people near the finish line of the marathon in 2013.

"Dzhokhar Tsarnaev committed heinous crimes. The Sixth Amendment nonetheless guaranteed him a fair trial before an impartial jury. He received one," Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the majority, made up of the court's six conservative justices.

The court reversed the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston, which ruled in 2020 that the trial judge improperly excluded evidence that could have shown Tsarnaev was influenced by his older brother, Tamerlan, and was somehow less responsible for the carnage. The appeals court also faulted the judge for not sufficiently questioning jurors about their exposure to extensive news coverage of the bombing.

In dissent for the court's three liberal justices, Justice Stephen Breyer wrote, "In my view, the Court of Appeals acted lawfully in holding that the District Court should have allowed Dzhokhar to introduce this evidence."

Breyer has called on the court to reconsider capital punishment.

"I have written elsewhere about the problems inherent in a system that allows for the imposition of the death penalty ... This case provides just one

more example of some of those problems," he wrote in a section of his dissent his liberal colleagues, Justices Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, did not join.

The prospect that Tsarnaev, 28, will be executed soon is remote. The Justice Department halted federal executions last summer after the Trump administration carried out 13 executions in its final six months.

Amtrak engineer: A jury cleared an Amtrak engineer Friday of all charges stemming from a derailment that left eight people dead and hundreds injured in Philadelphia in 2015, concluding that his operation of the train at more than twice the speed limit on a curve didn't constitute criminal negli-

The jury took just over an hour to acquit Brandon Bostian, 38, of causing a catastrophe, involuntary manslaughter and reckless endangerment — one count for each injury and death. Amtrak had earlier settled civil litigation over the crash for \$265 million.

The train rounded a curve at about 106 mph, more than twice the 50 mph speed limit, before it derailed in north Philadelphia.

Bostian's lawyer described him as a lifelong train buff who had a perfect work record until he was distracted by reports of people throwing rocks in the area just before the crash.

Muslim lawsuit reversal: The Supreme Court sided

unanimously with the Biden administration Friday and reversed a lower court decision that had allowed a lawsuit to go forward by Muslim men claiming FBI religious bias. But the justices' limited decision did not end the case, and the men and their lawyers



School shooting: Students from Olathe East High School are led to a staging area to reunite with their parents after a shooting Friday in Olathe, Kansas. Authorities say a male student shot and wounded a school resource officer and an administrator at the suburban Kansas City school. The student also was wounded when the officer returned fire. CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

said they would continue to pursue their lawsuit.

The government had argued that allowing the lawsuit to go forward could reveal national security secrets. The high court, however, didn't decide if that was the case or whether the lawsuit should have been dismissed.

Instead, Justice Samuel Alito wrote that a federal appeals court had made an error when looking at the case. He said that the appeals court was wrong to conclude that a longstanding "state secrets" privilege, which protects the government from having to reveal certain information, was altered by Congress' passage of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. As a result, the court sent the case back for further review.

NYC to lift restrictions: New York City will do away with several COVID-19 safety protocols next week, including mandatory masking in public schools and vaccination requirements at restaurants, entertainment and cultural venues, the mayor announced Friday.

Standing in Times Square, Mayor Eric Adams said that while the pandemic isn't over, he was confident that it is now safe to send children and teachers to school unmasked, starting Monday.

"We're far from out of the woods. COVID is still here. But we are beating it back," Adams said Friday.

He said it was time for New Yorkers to "celebrate" and implored them to "go out this weekend and go dine."

New UM denomination: A group of theologically conservative United Methodists plans to launch a new worldwide denomination May 1, impatient to get started after another pandemic-related delay to a formalized divorce agreement with their denomina-

The creation of the Global Methodist Church, announced Thursday, was long in the making, organized by conservatives who were fed up with liberal churches' defiance of the United Methodist Church's bans on same-sex marriage and the ordination of openly gay clergy.

Global Methodist Church organizers had originally expected to launch the denomination only after the next General Conference of the UMC. That legislative body is the only one that could approve a tentative agreement - unveiled in 2020 after negotiations between conservatives, liberals and centrists — to allow churches and regional groups to leave the denomination and keep their prop-

But the General Conference, originally scheduled for 2020, was already delayed for two straight years by the pandemic. On Thursday, the United Methodist Church announced it was pushing off the next gathering yet again — to $2024 - \mathrm{due}$ to long delays in the U.S. processing of visa applications. A little more than half of the denomination's members are overseas, notably in Africa and the Philippines.

Bishop sentenced: An Argentine court Friday sentenced a Roman Catholic bishop to 4½ years in prison for sexual abuse of two former seminarians in a major blow to Pope Francis, who had defended Gustavo Zanchetta following initial allegations.

The prosecutors' office in the northern province of Salta reported the conviction and sentence on its Twitter account and said he had been ordered arrested.

The conviction in the pope's homeland hits at Francis' personal credibility since he had initially rejected accusations against Zanchetta, the former bishop of Oran, and created a job for him at the Vatican that got him out of Argen-



Pakistan. Scores of victims were peppered with ball bearings Friday. MUHAMMAD SAJJAD/AP

Suicide bomber kills dozens at Shiite mosque in Pakistan

By Kathy Gannon and Riaz Khan Associated Press

PESHAWAR, Pakistan – A suicide bomber struck inside a Shiite Muslim mosque in Pakistan's northwestern city of Peshawar during Friday prayers, killing at least 56 worshippers and wounding 194 people, hospital officials said.

No militant group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. Both the Islamic State group and the Pakistani Taliban — a militant group separate from the Taliban in Afghanistan have carried out similar attacks in the past in the area, located near the border with Afghanistan.

Many of the wounded were in critical condition, said Asim Khan, a spokesman at Peshawar's Lady Reading Hospital.

Scores of victims were peppered with shrapnel, several had limbs amputated and others were injured by flying debris.

Peshawar police Chief Muhammed Ejaz Khan said the violence started when an armed attacker opened fire on police outside the mosque in Peshawar's old

city. One policeman was killed in the gunfight, and another police officer was wounded. The attacker then ran inside the mosque and detonated his suicide

The suicide bomber had strapped a explosive device to his body, said Moazzam Jah Ansari, the top police official for Khyber Pukhtunkhwa province where Peshawar is the capital.

The device was hidden beneath a black shawl that covered much of the attacker's body, according to CCTV footage seen by The Associated Press. The footage showed the bomber moving up a narrow street toward the mosque entrance. He fired at the police protecting the mosque before entering. Within seconds, an explosion occurred and the camera lens was obscured with dust and debris.

Ansari said the device was packed with ball bearings, a deadly method of constructing a bomb to increase the carnage by spraying a larger area with deadly projectiles. The ball bearings caused the high

death toll, Ansari said. Local police official Waheed Khan said the explosion occurred as worshippers had gathered in the Kucha Risaldar Mosque for Friday prayers. There are fears the death toll could still rise, he added.

Ambulances rushed through congested narrow streets carrying the wounded to Lady Reading Hospital.

Shayan Haider, a witness, had been preparing to enter the mosque when the explosion threw him to the ground.

"I opened my eyes and there was dust and bodies

everywhere," he said. At the Lady Reading Hospital Emergency department, there was chaos as doctors struggled to move the many wounded into operating theaters. Hundreds of relatives gathered outside the emergency department pleading for information about their loved ones.

Prime Minister Imran Khan condemned the bombing. His national security adviser, Moeed Yusuf, said the bombing was a "heinous terrorist attack" and promised that those behind the carnage would "be brought to justice."

DeSantis on verge of signing 15-week abortion ban in Fla.

By Anthony Izaguirre Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. Gov. Ron DeSantis on Friday said he would sign a 15-week abortion ban into law after Florida's Legislature joined the trend of Republican-led states anticipating a U.S. Supreme Court decision that could sharply limit abortion rights

in America. DeSantis, a Republican, told reporters at a news conference in Jacksonville that "I think that we'll be able to sign that in short order," a day after the GOP-controlled statehouse approved the bill following a series of emotional debates that often veered into pain-

ful, personal stories. Republicans across the country are moving to replicate a 15-week abortion ban in Mississippi that the Supreme Court seems poised to uphold this summer. If the court weakens or overturns Roe v. Wade, Florida could be less of a destination for women throughout the South whose states have more

restrictive abortion laws. "Access to care in the South is being decimated," said Laura Goodhue, executive director of the Florida Alliance of Planned Parenthood Affiliates, adding that the passage of the bill signals that "your right to bodily autonomy depends on where you live."

The state allows abortions up to 24 weeks of pregnancy, with no exceptions thereafter for victims of rape or incest, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

The Florida bill contains exceptions if the abortion is necessary to save a mother's life or prevent serious injury to the mother, or if the fetus has a fatal abnormality confirmed by two doctors. It would go into effect July

The passage of the legislation has drawn attention from the White House,



Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said of the bill: "I think that we'll be able to sign that in short order." The bill makes no exceptions for rape, incest or human trafficking. JOHN RAOUX/AP

with Democratic President Joe Biden responding in a tweet that said "My administration will not stand for the continued erosion of women's constitutional rights."

Republicans rejected several attempts by Democrats to add exceptions for rape, incest or human trafficking.

Supporters said it's not a total ban and still gives women enough time to consider whether to get an abortion. They also called it reasonably limited, saying state statistics show only 6% of Florida's abortions last year occurred after the first trimester, or after the 11th week. Of these, 17 women and girls had been impregnated through rape or incest.

"The only thing that we're asking in this bill is that whatever decision you make, you do it before the 15 weeks," said Republican Sen. Ileana Garcia.

Sen. Lauren Book, a Democrat who turned the pain of being sexually abused by her nanny into a career of helping other survivors, tearfully revealed she was also drugged and raped by multiple men when she was a teenager. She implored senators to allow exemptions for rape, incest or human trafficking.

"It's not OK to force someone who's been sexually assaulted and impregnated to carry that pregnancy to term if they don't want to, it's just not," Book said. "And if a woman or a girl needs more than 15 weeks to decide, we should be able to give that to her."

When the bill passed the GOP-controlled House last month, Republican Rep. Dana Trabulsy told lawmakers she previously had an abortion but has "regretted it everyday since.

"This is the right to life and to give up life is unconscionable to me," she said.

GOP lawmakers in West Virginia and Arizona have introduced 15-week abortion bans similar to the Mississippi law. Republicans in other states have modeled legislation after a Texas law, which the Supreme Court allowed to stand pending appeals, that effectively bans abortions after six weeks.

White House officials hosted a discussion with abortion rights advocates and Democratic state lawmakers Thursday about the Florida bill as well as GOP restrictions in other states, expressing a commitment to "exploring every option to protect reproductive health care."

Economy adds 678K jobs as omicron infections fall

Jobless rate dips to lowest level since before pandemic, Labor Dept. reports

By Christopher Rugaber

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a buoyant sign for the U.S. economy, businesses stepped up their hiring last month as omicron faded and more Americans ventured out to spend at restaurants, shops and hotels despite surging inflation.

Employers added a robust 678,000 jobs in February, the largest monthly total since July, the Labor Department reported Friday. The unemployment rate dropped to 3.8%, from 4% in January, extending a sharp decline in joblessness to its lowest level since before the pandemic erupted two years ago.

Friday's hiring figures were collected before Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has sent oil prices jumping and has heightened risks and uncertainties for economies in Europe and the rest of the world.

Yet the February hiring data suggest that two years after COVID-19 sparked a nationwide shutdown and 22 million job losses, the disease is losing its grip on America's economy. More people are taking jobs or searching for work — a trend that, if it endures, will help ease the labor shortages that have bedeviled employers for the past

In addition, fewer people are now working remotely because of the disease. A continuing flow of people back to offices could boost employment in urban downtowns. And the number of Americans who are delaying job hunts for fear of the disease fell sharply from January, when omicron was raging, to February.

Other recent economic data also show the economy maintaining strength as COVID-19 infections have plummeted. Consumer spending has risen, spurred by higher wages and savings. Restaurant traffic has regained pre-pandemic levels, hotel reservations are up and more Americans are flying than at the height of omicron.

Still, escalating costs for gasoline, wheat and metals such as aluminum, which are the war could slow hiring and growth later this year, though economists expect the consequences to be more severe in Europe than in the United States.

Inflation has already reached its highest level since 1982, with prices climbing for such necessities as food, gasoline and rent.

In response, the Federal Reserve is set to raise interest rates several times this year beginning later this month with an expected quarter-point rise of its benchmark short-term rate. Those increases will eventually mean higher borrowing rates for consumers and businesses, including for homes, autos and credit cards.

The strong hiring in February occurred across most of the economy, with restaurants, bars and hotels adding 79,000 jobs, construction 60,000 and transportation and warehousing 48,000.

A survey by Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that as mask mandates and other restric-



Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin rides a three-wheeled Harley-Davidson in what was Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula. In the wake of the invasion of Ukraine last month, Harley-Davidson has halted all motorcycle shipments to Russia. SERGEI KARPUKHIN/POOL PHOTO 2010

Russia 'a commercial pariah'

Companies put reputations over conducting business with invaders of Ukraine

By Kelvin Chan Associated Press

LONDON - Russia's invasion of Ukraine has thrown business plans into disarray and forced a growing number of the world's best known brands to pull out of a country that's become a global outcast as companies seek to maintain their reputations and live up to corporate responsibility standards.

Investors were drawn to Russia in search of lucrative profits they thought were worth the geopolitical risks. That calculation has changed after Russia's war triggered a wave of global sanctions and export restrictions that have thrown its economy into turmoil and disrupted the operations of multinational corporations there.

You basically have Russia becoming a commercial pariah," said economist Mary Lovely, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington. "Pretty much no company, no multinational, wants to be caught on the wrong side of U.S. and Western sanctions."

They're also expressing concern about Ukrainians, showing how they want to be seen coming out on the right side of history.

Complicating companies' push to flee is an order from Moscow temporarily restricting foreign investors from selling Russian assets. Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin said Tuesday that it would help investors make "a considered decision" rather than succumb to the political pressure of sanctions. It's not clear how that may affect corporate efforts to exit Russia.

Oil and gas companies, already feeling the heat from climate activists to invest in renewable energy, were among the companies that announced the most rapid and

Companies in other industries, including automakers, signaled they're staying out of the Russian market.

Toyota is halting production at its St. Petersburg plant that makes RAV4 and Camry models because of supply chain disruptions, saying it was watching events with great concern for the safety of the people of Ukraine."

Mercedes-Benz suspended vehicle exports to Russia and manufacturing there. Volkswagen Group, which also owns Porsche and Audi, did the same, saying it believes a "sustainable solution to the conflict can only be found on the basis of international law."

Volvo Cars said it stopped deliveries because of "potential risks associated with trading material with Russia," citing Western sanctions. Ford suspended operations.

Harley-Davidson halted motorcycle shipments to Russia, saying its thoughts "continue for the safety of the people of Ukraine." Putin famously rode a Harley during a 2010 Ukraine visit.

Others with more at stake in Russia

might find it harder to navigate the crisis. Danish brewery group Carlsberg suspended production at its three breweries in Ukraine but indicated that operations in Russia, where it owns St. Petersburg-based Baltika Breweries and employs 8,400 people, would continue.

Companies will have to chalk up any losses as the cost of doing business.

"This is like going into business with the Manson family," said James O'Rourke, a professor at the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business, specializing in reputation management, referring to the followers of cult leader Charles Manson. "You honestly do not want your name associated with those people."

Honda, Sony join forces on an EV by 2025

By Yuri Kageyama Associated Press

TOKYO – Two big names in Japanese electronics and autos are joining forces to produce an electric vehicle together.

Sony Group Corp. and Honda Motor Co. agreed to set up a joint venture this year to start selling an electric vehicle by 2025, both sides said Friday.

The plan is to bring together Honda's expertise in mobility development, technology and sales with Sony's imaging, tele-communication, network and entertainment

A union of traditionally different manufacturing businesses is uncommon for Japan. But it makes sense in the age of electric vehicles, which lack gasoline-powered engines and have complicated electronics.

All the world's automakers have been developing zero-emissions electric vehicles, as concerns grow about pollution and climate change. But they face tough competition from relative newcomers like Tesla.

The joint venture will develop and design the product, but will use Honda's plant for manufacturing. Sony, which makes the PlayStation video-game console and owns movie and music businesses, will develop the mobility services platform.
Honda makes the CR-V sport utility vehi-

cle and Clarity plug-in hybrid and already has its own electric vehicle program, teaming up with General Motors to share platforms for EVs in North America.

The joint venture with Sony will be separate, meant to produce unexpected value "in a chemical reaction," said Honda Chief Executive Toshihiro Mibe.

Sony showed an electric car concept at the CES gadget show in Las Vegas two years ago and has been eager to find an auto partner, said Sony Group CEO Kenichiro Yoshida.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Siemens lays out \$54M investment

President Joe Biden has been pushing for more U.S. factory jobs — and he was joined Friday at the White House by the CEO of technology company Siemens USA to announce a \$54 million investment in producing equipment for the electrical infrastructure.

The investment will lead to 300 additional jobs at locations in California and Texas.

"We're seeing more jobs, more hope," Biden said. "And we're also seeing something else: the rebirth of pride, the rebirth of pride that comes from stamping products 'Made

Siemens USA CEO Barbara Humpton is among several manufacturing executives who've met with Biden in recent weeks to discuss their expansion plans.

Campuses losing delivery robots

Two U.S. university campuses are losing their food-delivery robots for now because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Grubhub said Thursday that it is ending its partnership with Russian tech company Yandex and pulling 100 Yandex-made food-delivery robots from the campuses of Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, and the University of Arizona in Tucson,

Chicago-based Grubhub said it is working with both campuses to find alternatives.

Grubhub had been using the robots to deliver food on campus at Ohio State since August. The company launched robot delivery at the University of Arizona last November. The company says it was doing 1,000 deliveries a day between the two campuses.

Global trade takes a hit after Russia's invasion

By Joshua Goodman Associated Press

MIAMI - Sanctions on Russia are starting to wreak havoc on global trade, with potentially devastating consequences for energy and grain importers while also generating ripple effects across a world still struggling with pandemic-induced supply chain disruptions.

Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, hundreds of tankers and bulk carriers have been diverted away from the Black Sea, while dozens more have been stranded at ports and at sea unable to unload their valuable cargoes.

Russia is a leading exporter of grains and a major supplier of crude oil, metals, wood and plastics — all used worldwide in a range of products and by a multitude of industries from steelmakers to car manufacturers.

Only a small handful of Russia's 2,000 cargo and tanker ships have been sanctioned by Western powers, but freezing the assets of the country's biggest banks means the business of importing and exporting from Russia will take a major hit.

One potential escape valve for Russian exports is China, whose fast-growing economy is thirsty for natural resources. But China, perhaps the biggest beneficiary of globalization, has shown little appetite to fully back President Vladimir Putin despite abstaining from a U.N. vote condemning

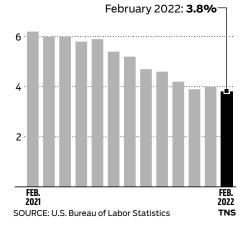
the land grab. The war's impact on global trade has been most severe in the Black Sea, where Russian and Ukrainian ports are major hubs for wheat and corn. Traffic has ground to a halt, effectively shutting down the world's second-largest grain exporting region.

Unlike oil production, which can be ramped up quickly elsewhere, boosting grain supplies takes time and the sheer volume that could be diverted as a result of war and sanctions — Ukraine accounts for 16% of global corn exports and together with Russia 30% of wheat exports — means poorer countries that depend on imports could face major supply shocks.

In the United States, the biggest impact will be felt at the gas pump, where higher prices are expected to add to already high inflation.

Jobless rate

Percent of civilian labor force that is unemployed, by month, seasonally adjusted



BUSINESS



The Department of Transportation will favor projects with bicycle paths, traffic roundabouts and pedestrian pathways. Above, a bicycle lane in Philadelphia. MATT ROURKE/AP 2018

DOT report prioritizes funds for safety, pedestrian projects

By Hope Yen **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON - The federal government has a fresh warning to states seeking billions of dollars from President Joe Biden's infrastructure law to widen roads: Protect the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists or risk losing funds.

In a report submitted to Congress, the Department of Transportation says it will aim to prioritize the safety and health of the multiple users of a typical 21st-century roadway, from riders of public transit and electric scooters to Uber rideshare pickups and people delivering goods.

Projects such as bike paths and traffic roundabouts, enhanced sidewalks, pedestrian pathways to bus stops and transit lanes will be favored in the distribution of funds.

In doing so, the department led by Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg seeks to change a longtime focus by the states to direct federal money toward adding lanes to relieve congestion and speed car flow — often at the expense of mostly nonwhite

communities living next to the busy roadways.

"Safety is consistently DOT's top priority," according to the report, which was written in response to a request by the House a year ago to address record spikes in U.S. roadway deaths during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The report said the Federal Highway Administration's adoption of the "Complete Streets" strategy, which is already followed by hundreds of communities, will "have a positive impact on the safety of all roadway users - reversing the trend of increasing fatal and serious injuries and creating a healthier, greener, and more equitable surface transportation system."

About one-third of U.S. traffic fatalities are people who are outside of vehicles, such as motorcyclists and pedestrians.

"A Complete Street is safe, and feels safe, for everyone using the street," said Stephanie Pollack, the deputy head of the highway administration. "We can't keep people safe on our roads if we don't have safer roads and roads that slow down drivers to safe speeds.

Through our Complete Streets initiative, FHWA will play a leadership role in providing an equitable and safe transportation network for travelers of all ages and abilities, including vulnerable road users and those from underserved communities that have faced historic disinvestment."

The shift promises a boost to cities from Atlanta and Austin, Texas, to Nashville, Tennessee, that have strained to raise money to build out green-friendly transit options, reduce fatalities by slowing traffic and stitch together communities racially divided by highways after states balked in providing funds for that purpose.

In 2020, U.S. traffic fatalities for African Americans jumped 23% compared with 7% overall.

Still, the effort could add to tensions with Republican-led states and governors who bristle at the notion of giving up wide leeway to pick their road projects, with some casting the bipartisan law as a vehicle for Biden's liberal causes. Others worry that rural areas could lose in the

New Dr. Seuss-inspired books to showcase diverse creators

By Mark Pratt Associated Press

Sketches of fantastic creatures by Dr. Seuss that have never been published will see the light of day in new books being written and illustrated by an inclusive group of up-andcoming authors and artists, the company that owns the intellectual property rights to Dr. Seuss' works has announced.

The new line of books will include original stories inspired by previously unpublished illustrations selected from the author's archives at the University of California San Diego, Dr. Seuss Enterprises said in a statement on the late writer's birthday.

The announcement this week comes a year after the business founded by the family of Dr. Seuss - whose real name was Theodor Seuss Geisel — announced that it would stop publishing six Dr. Seuss titles because they include racist and insensitive images, a decision that drew condemnation and praise.

In "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street," an Asian person is portrayed wearing a conical hat, holding chopsticks and eating from a bowl. "If I Ran the Zoo" includes a drawing of two bare-footed African men wearing what appear to be grass skirts with their hair tied above their heads. The other books affected were "McElligot's Pool," "On Beyond Zebra!," "Scrambled Eggs Super!," and "The Cat's Quizzer."

The new authors and illustrators will represent a diverse cross section of racial backgrounds to represent as many families as possible, Dr. Seuss Enterprises said. Company officials were not available to comment, a spokesperson said.

"We look forward to putting the spotlight on a new generation of talent



A mural featuring Theodor Seuss Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, is seen in a museum in the author's hometown of Springfield, Massachusetts. STEVEN SENNE/AP 2017

who we know will bring their unique voices and style to the page, while also drawing inspiration from the creativity and imagination of Dr. Seuss," Susan Brandt, President and CEO of Dr. Seuss Enterprises, said in a statement.

The books, under the banner Seuss Studios and published by Random House Children's Books, will be geared toward ages 4 to 8.

The original Dr. Seuss sketch that serves as the inspiration for each of the new Seuss Studios books will be included in the book, along with a note from the creators explaining how they were inspired, and their process," the San Diego-based company said.

The images include a catlike creature with enormous ears and a series of colorful hummingbirds with pointy noses.

The goal is to continue Geisel's legacy, started in 1957 with the launch of the Beginner Books imprint at Random House, of inspiring young readers and supporting writers and artists starting their publishing careers, the company said.

The company seems genuine in its efforts to address inclusiveness, said Pamela Good, president of Beyond Basics, a Michigan-based nonprofit that promotes literacy.

"We believe that literacy is for everyone," she said. "And as you try to find solutions that really are thoughtful and are heartfelt, they really do embrace everyone and allow everybody to be celebrated. And I think that what they're doing right now is a step in the right direction."

Dr. Seuss Enterprises has not yet disclosed the writers and illustrators who will work on the new books because contracts are still being ironed out.

The first of the new books is expected to hit shelves next year, and the goal is to publish at least two new books per year.

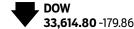
Dr. Seuss books such as "Green Eggs and Ham" and "The Cat in the Hat" remain popular long after Geisel's death in 1991.

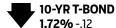
He earned an estimated \$35 million in 2021, making him the fifth-highest paid dead celebrity of the year, according to Forbes. Roald Dahl is No. 1, followed by Prince, Michael Jackson and Charles Schulz.

Geisel, who was born in 1904 and raised in Springfield, Massachusetts, was No. 2 on the list in 2020 with \$33 million in earnings.

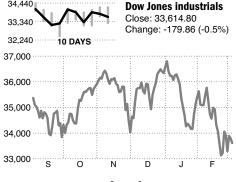
MARKET RUNDOWN

Saturday, March 5, 2022









,	S	O	N	D	J	F
	D	omes	tic In	dexes		
		CLO	SE	CHG		YTD
DOW In	dus.	33,614	.80	-179.8	6	-7.49%
DOW Tra	ans.	15,392	.41	-10.9	6	-6.59%
DOW Ut	il.	988	3.47	+21.6	6	+.78%
NYSE Co	omp.	16,129	.66	-157.8	3	-6.03%
Nasdaq	Comp.	13,313	.44	-224.5	0	-14.90%
S&P 500)	4,328	3.87	-34.6	2	-9.18%

-41.97

-31.51

2,615.47

2,000.90

S&P 400

Wilshire 5000

Russell 2000

Commodities							
FUELS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD				
Crude Oil (bbl)	115.68	107.67	+53.81%				
Natural Gas (mm btu)	5.02	4.72	+34.48%				
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.54	3.28	+59.05%				
METALS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD				
Gold (oz)	1,965.10	1,934.40	+7.53%				
Silver (oz)	25.78	25.21	+10.52%				
(Previous and change figures	reflect curren	t contract.)					

	Foreig	gn Exci	nange	мопеу	Kate	5
l		ForEx in				PREV.
		U.S. \$	in ForEx	(CLOSE	WK.
	Britain	1.3221	.7564	Prime rate	3.25	3.25
		.7849	1.2741	3-mo. T-Bill	0.33	0.33
	China	.1583	6.3173	6-mo. T-Bill	0.67	0.72
	Euro	1.0914	.9162	5-yr T-Note	1.65	1.86
	Japan	.008714	114.76	10-yr T-Note	1.72	1.98
	Mexico	.047809	20.9166	30-yr T-Bond	2.15	2.29
			Global	Markets		

CHG.

-603.86

-251.71

-591.80

%CHG.

-4.41%

-3.48%

-2.23%

%YTD

17.57%

-5.38%

-9.75%

CLOSE

13,094.54

21,905.29

6,987.14

-10.89% Nikkei 25,985.47 **Stocks of Local Interest**

-7.97%

-10.16%

Frankfurt

Hong Kong

London

STOOK (TIOKER)	01.005	0110	YTD	STOCK (TICKED)	01.055	0110	YTD
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE		%CHG	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE		%CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC		-1.49	-39.1	Meta Platforms Inc (FB)	200.06	-2.91	-40.5
AT&T Inc (T)	23.87	04	-3.0	MetLife Inc (MET)	63.98	-2.58	+2.4
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	108.41	-3.57	-24.7	Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	289.86	-6.06	-13.8
American Airlines Gp (AAL)		-1.12	-18.8	Mullen Automotive (MULN)	.79	11	-85.0
Amphenol Corp (APH)	76.23	13	-12.8	Norwegian Cruise Ln (NCLH) 17.39	-1.17	-16.2
Apple Inc (AAPL)	163.17	-3.06	-8.1	Novartis AG (NVS)	84.74	-1.40	-3.1
Atreca Inc (BCEL)	5.20 45.03	+3.53 39	+71.6 -9.7	Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	229.36	-7.78	-22.0
Avangrid Inc (AGR) Bank of America (BAC)	40.95	39 -1.54	-8.0	Occid Petl (OXY)	56.15	+8.40	+93.7
Barnes Group (B)	44.05	-1.54	-5.5	Ocugen Inc (OCGN)	2.53	76	-44.4
Barrick Gold (GOLD)	24.20	+.63	+27.4	Opendoor Technol (OPEN)	6.76	-1.05	-53.7
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	1985.04		-17.3	Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	77.96	-1.22	-10.5
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	69.36	+.25	+11.2	Palantir Technol (PLTR)	10.96	38	-39.8
CSX Corp (CSX)	37.43	+2.14	5	Peabody Energy Corp (BTU)	26.35	+3.38	+161.7
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	105.19	+.65	+2.0	Peoples Utd Fncl (PBCT)	20.23	55	+13.5
Carnival Corp (CCL)	17.23	-1.04	-14.4	Pfizer Inc (PFE)	48.65	+.82	-17.6
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	45.00	88	-17.0	Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.85	14	-26.8
Charter Communic (CHTR)	549.93	-11.89	-15.7	Prudential Fncl (PRU)	106.43	-3.11	-1.7
Cigna Corp (CI)	241.63	+3.82	+5.2	Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	67.60	+1.31	+1.3
Citigroup (C)	56.59	-1.03	-6.3	Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	99.59	24	+15.7
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc (CLF)	25.95	+.54	+19.2	Rogers Corp (ROG)	272.90	02	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	47.21	+.09	-6.2	SS&C Technlogies (SSNC)	75.67	71	-7.7
Disney (DIS)	140.72	-4.85	-9.1	SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	10.00	69	-36.7
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	114.91	+.21	-9.8	Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	5.38	+.13	+15.5
Ethan Allen (ETD)	26.23	27	2	Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)		-4.49	-14.3
Eversource Energy (ES)	85.94	+2.47	-5.5	Starwood Prop Trust (STWD		-4.49	-14.3
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	84.09	+3.05	+37.4	Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.50	01	-3.6
Ford Motor (F)	16.85	75	-18.9	1	38.27	-2.07	-13. <i>1</i> -12.9
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	5.44	25	+4.6	Terex Corp (TEX)			-12.9 -42.2
Gap Inc (GPS)	14.25		-19.3 +17.7	Tonix Pharma (TNXP)	.21	05	
Gen Dynamics (GD)	245.29 89.14	+7.16 -3.31	+17.7 -5.6	Transocean Ltd (RIG)	4.24	+.47	+53.6
Gen Electric (GE) Grab Holdings Ltd A (GRAB)		+.08	-52.9	Travelers Cos (TRV)	173.40	20	+10.8
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	67.47	-1.80	-32.9	Uber Technologies (UBER)	29.83	-1.89	-28.9
Honeywell Intl (HON)	187.43	09	-10.1	United Airlines Hldg (UAL)	36.71	-3.66	-16.1
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	15.15	15	-4.8	United Rentals (URI)	316.51	-12.13	-4.7
Imperial Petroleum (IMPP)	3.38	+1.18	+57.9	UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	498.65		7
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	22.46	06	-11.3	Virtus Invest (VRTS)	220.38	-14.32	-25.8
Intel Corp (INTC)	48.07	+.14	-6.7	Voya Financial (VOYA)	63.08	-2.17	-4.9
Kaman (KAMN)	41.34	55	-4.2	Webster Financial (WBS)	55.95	-2.46	+.2
Keycorp (KEY)	23.22	94	+.4	Wells Fargo & Co (WFC)	48.79	-2.45	+1.7
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	61.69	-3.09	-9.6	1	1056.57	+2.22	+4.2
Lucid Group Inc (LCID)	22.63	•••	-40.5	World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	58.69	-1.03	+19.0
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	41.54	-1.81	-7.4	XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	66.74	-5.06	-13.8
Marathon Oil (MRO)	23.81	+.92	+45.0	Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	18.51	81	-18.2



Find Power in COMMUNITY



Top 5 Reasons to Live at the McAuley

- 1. Peace of mind at the only CCRC in West Hartford
- Great location close to entertainment and cultural opportunities
- **3.** Floorplan options to suit your personal style
- **4.** No more cooking fabulous chef-prepared meals
- Friends and fun at your fingertips activities, clubs and more

Learn more about The McAuley by scanning the QR code or call 860-920-6319.





TheMcAuley.org • 860-920-6319 275 Steele Road • West Hartford, CT 06117





PINION

OP-ED

Collective action can inspire real change

By Natalie Braswell

In the summer of 2020, a wave of organized protest followed high-profile police killings of African American men and women. George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Botham Jean and countless others, remembered with hashtags imploring people to "say their names."

The blatant injustice of those killings spurred thousands into action, taking to the streets to say enough is enough.

I was one of them. Donning masks during that first COVID summer, I stood on the steps of the Connecticut Supreme Court with dozens of other Black female attorneys — my Sisters in the Law.

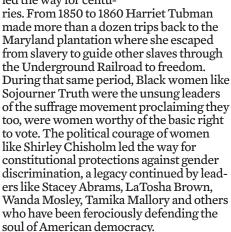
Together, we proclaimed that the evidence of the injustice faced by Black people in America was overwhelming, and it spoke for itself. With fists raised, we stood in silence for 9 minutes and 29 seconds, the amount of time a police officer knelt on George Floyd's neck, while he cried out for his mother, until he took his

Black women are used to adapting. While we were a group of Black attorneys standing together, we are also Black mothers, Black daughters, Black wives, Black sisters and Black aunties.

And while those protests shone a bright

spotlight on American injustice, throughout American history, oftentimes without acknowledgment, Black women have been fighting back

and taking action. In the fight for civil rights in America, Black women have steadily led the way for centu-



Braswell

Black History Month is a time to reflect on the courage and sacrifices of those who came before us. But I am asking my fellow Black women to write the next chapter in that history.

While Black women are certainly not an ideological monolith, we do have a shared understanding of how policies are interconnected and how leadership — in state capitols, boardrooms, courthouses and schools - affects change throughout our communities.

For me, now the first Black woman to serve as Connecticut's comptroller, I see this in health care, where unconscious bias and a lack of political urgency continue to result in racial disparities. At the intersection of race and gender, moms of color and their babies still face higher mortality rates than their white neighbors.

I see it in education, where opportunity largely depends on your ZIP code and the school-to-prison pipeline adds each individual tragedy into a collage of generational crisis.

I see it in employment, where women still don't earn pay equal to their male counterparts, and women of color fare worst of all.

I see it in governments throughout the country, where legislatures and local boards do not reflect the communities they serve, and we have yet to elect a Black woman as governor in a single state in the 245 years of America's existence.

History will judge us by how we respond to these challenges and others like them. So, I ask you to not only celebrate our

heroes, but to also mourn those we've lost, and commit to taking action.

Organize in your community. Engage with your neighbors. Help them register to vote. Hold a food drive or volunteer at a local charity. Change happens fastest at the local level. Look for opportunities where we can all uplift each other.

Harness that same energy that we brought to the streets in the summer of 2020 and use it to hold elected officials accountable. Your government works for you. Not enough politicians act like it. Our collective action can inspire real change. And if that doesn't work... Run for office!

The lack of diversity in government means we're also lacking empathy, perspective and critical knowledge. I don't know who reading this needs to hear this, but your voice is needed, and you are ready.

Black History Month is an opportunity to acknowledge the undeniable progress we've made. But progress is not a boulder rolling downhill. It's hard, relentless work that we have been enduring for centuries. Our history is full of heartbreak and violence and injustice. But our history also provides countless examples - overwhelming evidence - that even a small act of courage is contagious and that we're at our strongest when we're courageous together.

Natalie Braswell is the state comptroller.

I am back at work after an NLRB victory

Others in Connecticut need protection too

By Mario Franco

Like thousands of Connecticut residents, I was laid off at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and was

never called back. As far as I know, however, I'm one of the only workers in the state - and maybe the country to return to my job by proving to a judge that the pandemic wasn't the real reason I was left out of

The others I know in the Franco same boat are my three former co-workers: Milagros Vasquez, Pilar Mestanza and Rosa Franco. Together, we participated in a charge of unfair labor practices brought to the National Labor Relations Board by 32BJ SEIU — the union we're trying to bring to our job — against Michell Enterprises, the company headed by our boss, George Michell.

Michell Enterprises owns and operates several McDonald's locations in Connecticut, including the one where we worked,

at the service plaza on I-95 northbound, iust outside of Darien. For a good part of my 26 years at the restaurant, I led the

> night shift crew, proudly running an efficient shift at one of the busiest plazas on one of the nation's busiest highways. Still, I could only do so much to protect my co-workers from mistreatment, or for that matter, to protect myself.

Many of my co-workers worked for years without raises or respect. Despite being a single mom, Rosa Franco (no relation to me) had to work almost every Christmas for 13 years, and even missed time with her special-needs daughter on the day she had

an operation. My own worst experience came a little over five years ago. At the time, my wife also worked at the McDonald's. One hot summer day, she passed out in a back room at the

store, striking her head. A few days later, she

died in a hospital bed. Michell's McDonald's paid for her headstone, nothing more. In 2019, my crew and I finally found a

way to speak out when we met organizers with 32BJ who had learned that many of us were not only being mistreated, we were also suffering wage violations.

For years, the wages many of us earned were below the rate in the state's standard wage law, which sets a minimum rate, with benefits, for service workers employed by state subcontractors. (Every McDonald's, Dunkin', Subway and other outlet at a Connecticut interstate service plaza is a state subcontractor). We began to raise our voices together with the union, which led to Department of Labor investigations. After many months, George Michell settled with the DOL for almost \$900,000 in back pay, plus raises. Investigations are still happening at other companies, which means many more settlements or fines could be coming.

Michell's McDonald's, it seems, wanted to make us pay a price for our victory. My three co-workers and I lost our jobs when the plaza shut down in March 2020, but we were never recalled, even as the McDonald's hired new workers. Losing our jobs pushed our families to the brink. For months, we struggled as the pandemic raged, hitting immigrant communities especially hard. 32BJ filed an unfair labor

practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board, which eventually led to a trial spanning three weeks last January. On Dec. 30, we were overjoyed to learn that the NLRB judge ruled in our favor, concluding that Michell's McDonald's had schemed "to use the pandemic layoffs as an excuse to terminate the discriminatees."

On Feb. 28, almost two years after losing our livelihoods, Milagros, Pilar, Rosa and I returned to our jobs — where we plan to fight harder than ever for a union for over 800 fast-food workers at the 23 service plazas across Connecticut.

A union at the plazas would raise the bar for all low-wage service workers in the state, a field dominated by immigrants and people of color struggling to survive in a pandemic that has weaponized inequality and discrimination. We ask the Lamont administration and its agencies to do everything they can to end worker abuses by state contractors operating on state property. We also ask for your support. Sign our petition, share our story, and remember our years of hard work the next time you stop on a highway for a few minutes rest.

Mario Franco lives in Stamford.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Israel ahead of other nations in water management

Thank you Gov. Ned Lamont for going to Israel and thanks to the Courant for putting it front and center. Israel has been very successful in promoting and developing new ideas, new technologies and products we use on a daily basis in Connecticut. It has one of the highest percentages of converting sea and wastewater to usable water among countries who take seriously the need to do so. This creates opportunities for more high-quality jobs, which is critical for our future. I have seen how the desert can thrive with plants, people and technology. Vast solar fields, farms using the latest methods of water treatment allowing for the on-the-spot ability to change gray water to the water necessary for planting, are being developed.

Thank you Gov. Lamont. Thank you to the Hartford Courant. **Bruce Stanger, West Hartford**

Legislators need to develop a backbone

On so many levels on all sides of Congress, please get your act together on behalf of the country and the world. That the Senate passed a stopgap budget for the next 20-plus days is lunacy. Can one imagine a municipal government or business acting in the same manner? Are there any members of either legislative branch with

a profile in courage? Jim McNair, Berlin

Establish programs to help endangered structures

It is disheartening to see so many important structures in disrepair [Page 1, Feb. 20, "Beloved but endangered"]. A possible solution toward revitalization might be if a masonry restoration program, such as the one at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York, were to be offered at the site of Deborah Chapel. It could offer training and job placement to area residents as well as preserving the chapel. Other sources of funding, such as educational and economic funding, might be

Patricia Nelson, Tolland

Op-ed on masks wasn't based on facts

In response to the "Where's the evidence for masking our kids?" op-ed by Doug Kechijian [Insight, Page 1, Feb. 20], while

I understand that this is an op-ed, there was no evidence provided for the author's claims about methodological flaws in studies supporting mask mandates. I was surprised and disappointed that The Courant gave such prominent placement and page space to a woefully unsupported

and undiscerning piece. Megan Corning, Windsor

On the matter of Blue Lives

This past month, America witnessed the funerals of two police officers killed in the line of duty in New York; neither was even 25 years old. In fact, during this past year 458 active police officers died - which is truly a tragedy - and of these, 61 (just under 14%) were shot in the line of duty. But there's a bigger killer of our police and it's going to keep on killing, namely COVID-19. You see, 301 of those 458 deaths (over 65%) were the result of

Many police departments are on record asking the federal government for help to control all the guns on the street, given our absurdly loose gun laws. What does not make sense is that COVID still takes (by over a 4-to-1 ratio) the most lives of those who are in fact charged with protecting our lives. I personally know a number of individuals in the law-enforcement field

and find them with almost no exceptions to be exemplary, conscientious people. It is, however, a matter of public record that there is a reluctance by many to take the life-saving COVID vaccines made available for free by our government.

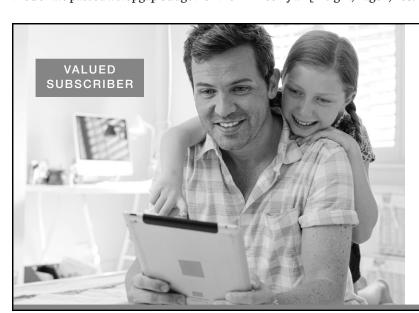
So I must say this, and I mean this with all due respect: If somewhere, somehow in the future our incredible scientific community comes up with a vaccine that significantly eliminated, or at least reduced, the impact of being shot, would those in law enforcement not all take it? For now, it's COVID with the most firepower.

Norman Bender, Woodbridge

Missing the daily **COVID-19 statistics**

What happened to the daily COVID-19 stats? Last I saw, Connecticut was all red in reference to risk of COVID. Numbers were at November levels. Have you decided that COVID is over? I'm trying to figure out when it is safe to allow others to remove their masks, but I don't have any data now. Please resume giving us this data so that those who haven't gotten COVID can assess whether it is safe to go to a restaurant or events. It's been great to see in the

Kate Steven, Farmington



Get more out of your subscription by setting up your digital account

- More articles than what's in print
- Breaking News alerts with the mobile app
- Unlimited access to our website
- eNewspaper, a digital replica of the paper emailed daily

It's easy to start your online access!

Visit: go-activate.com



To advertise, call 860-525-2525 or placeanad.courant.com





Antiques/ Collectibles

WATERFORD WINE FLUTES: (NEW) Six (6) for \$90. 860.833.3195 WATERFORD WINE GOBLETS: (NEW) Six (6) for \$90. 860.833.3195

Stuff



BLUESTONE! BLUESTONE!!

BLUESTONE!!! Steps - Sidewalks Patios We also repair existing steps / sidewalks / patios 860-633-6612

CRAFTSMAN 22" battery lawn mower 1yr old 100. 860 234 5060

FIREWOOD 2 cords \$390 includes delivery, 1 cord, call for pricing 860-228-2003

INDY 500 TETHER CAR BY Testors from 60's 89.00 860-993-7061 LADDER 8FT ALUMINUM LIKE NEW

MIGHTY DOG ROOFING GREENVILLE OSTRINSKY SCRAP Buyers of scrap. Manchester, CT. 860-643-5879

TAG SALES

Tag Sales & Flea Markets

NEW BRITAIN - Estate Sale. 154
Texas Dr. 06052 3/4 & 3/5 8am4pm. Hitchcock Writing Desk,
Clean Used Furniture, Glasswares,
Pottery, Dinnerware Sets, Hess
Truck Collection, Household, B & Generator 18hrs, Craftsman's Shop
Tools, Home Work Shop Tools &
Related. Sean Mahoney Related . Sean Mahoney

SOUTH WINDSOR - 964 Pleasant Valley Road, Sat 3/5, 9am-4pm, Garage Sale-Rain/Shine. Items from every room of the house. Cash Only

AT YOUR SERVICE

At Your Service

CALL MARKS AUTO PARTS

Car Reviews



SHEDS BUILT ON SITE built on site, rough Sawn lum-ber, well built, full size lumber, shed base included. Call for pricing: 860-228-2003 ctshedsbuiltonsite.com



STONE WALLS Walkways, natural stone. We can break stone into usable wall stone. Pavers, blue stone, patio, fire pits. Call 860-633-6612

TREE WORK Take down, yard expansion, brush clearing & saw mill service Free written estimates & reasonable rates. 860-228-2003

Wanted To Buy



BUY VINTAGE ELECTRONICS

OLD TOYS, MILITARY JEWELRY, ADVERTISING WATCHES, MUSCIAL ADVERTISING WAICHES, MUSCIAL INSTRUMENTS, CAMERAS, WATCHES, SIGNS, ART, SPORTS MEMORABILIA, OLD STUFF, ANTIQUES, GUITARS, AMPS, TUBE HI-FI, RECEIVERS, AUDIO EQ, RADIOS, HAM, CB, SAXOPHONES & MANY OTHER OLD ITEMS! CALL 860-707-9350

ALWAYS BUYING MACHINIST TOOLBOXES Tools & tooling, contents of machine shops, home workshops & small lathes Call 860-985-5760



ANTIQUES & OLD STUFF WANTED Buying Bottles, Crocks, Jugs, Toys, Silver Plated Items, Costume Jewelry, Pottery, Typewriters, Sewing Machines Clocks, Books & More 860-874-8396



BUYING PRE1980 Toys, Model Kits, Comic Bks, Baseball Card Posters & Cards, Pennants, Political, Postcards, Beer, Bar, Soda, Oil & Gas Station Cans&Signs, License Plates, Jewelry, Masonic & Fraternal Items, Zippos, I check Bsmnt/Attic. 860-817-4350

www.courant.com/pets



Dogs



PERNIEDUUULL
Family Raised Bernedoodle Pups!
Beautiful, Calm and Loyal their hypoallergenic coats make them ideal pets. They love to cuddle and do excellent with children. We are in western MA and welcome visitors. Call Melvin 413-265-6737 for more details and to schedule a visit. We have pups ready for adoption! - No Sunday sales please

BLACK LAB RETRIEVER PUPPIES M & F \$850 1st shots & dewormed. 8.5 wks 802-895-2784



MINI GOLDEN DOODLE Puppies! Hypoallergenic, family raised, and loved! Mostly red with white markings. Ready to go! Starting at \$2000. Come with a one-year health guarantee. Adorable Doodle Pups/Hess family.us 715-216-9688 or 413-977-3168

PET WORLD



BUYING OLD TOYS BEFORE 1990 Tonka, Matchbox, Hotwheels, Trains, LEGOs, Star Wars, GI Joes, Nintendo, Buddy L, Hubley, Slot Cars, Model Kits, Atari, Coleco, Space Toys, Lunchboxes, Western, Dolls, Wind Up, Cap Guns, Action Figures, Robots, Friction Toys, Transformers, Banks. 860-874-8396

> Steve Dale's PET WORLD Sundays in Smarter Living



PINBALL MACHINES - CASH PAID We are looking to buy pinball machines in any condition and will do all moving. Call today! 860 986 4055

Auto & SUV's

BMW 740 2001 - \$2950 negotiable 740i Good Condition, Nice Driving 860-539-4439

HUMMER H3 2006 - \$5900 Black Ext Tan Int New Tires, Runs Well 860-539-4439

HYUNDAI SONATA 2002 - \$1,000 OBO. White 4dr sedan, runs good, needs work. 860-896-0546 **MERCEDES-BENZ E-CLASS 2015**

\$27499.00 Beautiful Mint!!! 201 Mercedes Benz E350 8605188587 TOYOTA CAMRY 2006 - \$3200 Alot of

miles but in really good condition w/ new tires&new parts! 860-836-0651

Antiques/ Classics

PORSCHE 914 1974 - \$2200 Solid Rolling Chassis Call No Txt 860-209-6629

Auto / Truck Wanted

CASH PAID

for any Toyota, other makes. Any condition. Running or not, crashed okay. Will take other makes and models. 203-600-4431



courant.com/advertiser 860-525-2525

PUBLIC NOTICES

Hartford

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT INVITATION TO BID BID # 312 REMOVAL OF BRUSH, STUMPS, LOGS AND WOOD CHIPS

The Town of Farmington is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide removal and disposal of all brush, stumps, logs and wood chips stockpiled at the Tunxis Mead Compost

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Town of Farmington at the Finance Department, Farmington Town Hall, One Monteith Drive, Farmington, Connecticut 06032, until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at which time, said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid documents may be obtained at the Finance Office, Farmington Town Hall, One Monteith Dr., Farmington, CT., Monday through Friday excluding holidays, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

A mandatory pre-bid site inspection will be held at the Tunxis Mead Compost Area, at the end of Tunxis Mead Road, Farmington, CT at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 11, 2022. Attendance is required in order to submit a bid. No exceptions will be granted to this requirement.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to award any item, group of items or the total bid, and to waive any or all informalities or technical defects, if it is deemed by the Town to be in its best interest to do so.

The successful bidder is required to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972, Executive Orders 3, 17, 11246, 11375, 11478 and, if applicable, the Connecticut Fair Employment Practice Law. 3/5/22 7162115

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage Cube contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart 391 N. Frontage Rd. New London, CT 06320 to satisfy a lien on March 17, 2022 at approx. 2:30 pm at www. storagetreasures.com.

Cube: 1527 - Denver barnett - Life time Cube: 2138- Stephany Codner

Cube: 3115 -Kimberly Falcone. 3/4 & 3/5/22 7156497

Connecticut

LEGAL NOTICE

Solicitation of Proposals – Modernization Consulting, Grant Writing and Administration Services The South Windsor Housing Authority is

soliciting proposals for modernization and grant administration consulting services. Services include technical services required to administer all aspects of its Modernization Programs including the renovation of the Flax

Hill development. This may include grant writing, Section 3/ VLI, Fair Housing, Equal Opportunity, Davis-Bacon/Prevailing Wage Rate Monitoring, and periodic construction inspections.

Program design and specifications are not included as part of this Request for Proposal. All activities will be performed in strict accordance with all guidelines and requirements established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.), Department of Housing (DOH), and Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) as they may apply. Procurement and contract award are subject to all applicable Federal, State, and local laws/regulations Request for Proposal documents may be obtained at the offices of the South Windsor Housing Authority, 50 Elm Street, South Windsor, CT 06074. Proposals are due not

2022. AFFIRMATIVE AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYEER MBE'S, WBE'S SBE'S and SECTION 3 DESIGNATED ENTERPRISES ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT

later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 21,

LEGAL NOTICE AND INVITATION TO BID THE OPERA HOUSE PLAYERS RENOVATION OF 100 HIGH ST, ENFIELD PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Opera House Players is seeking a qualified engineering firm to provide services for the renovation of 100 High St. This is a State funded project through the Department of Economic and Community Development.

A mandatory walk-though is scheduled for Tuesday March 15th at 11:00 am. Masks are required to enter the building. RFP responses must be received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 28, 2022. Any responses received after the deadline will not be considered. The RFP documents are available on The Opera House Players' website at www.operahouseplayers.org/frjc. Questions may be submitted by email at rfp@operahouseplay. submitted by email at rfp@operahouseplayers.org. The Opera House Players reserves the right to accept or reject any, all, or any part of the responses, and to make awards that are deemed to be in the best interest of The Opera House Players. 3/5, 3/8, 3/10/2022 7162981

EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Seeking proposals from qualified and expe rienced design firms to provide complete design services for the construction phase of the East Hartford Middle School roofing

East Hartford Public Schools, Department of Facilities 734 Tolland Street, East Hartford,

Request for Proposal – # 1812-22 DESIGN SERVICES FOR East Hartford Middle School Roof Replacement Project is available at the State of CT/DAS/CTSource, Bidboard Portal: https://portal.ct.gov/DAS/ CTSource/BidBoard and/or https://www. easthartford.org PROPOSALS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 12 PM ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, 3/5/2022 7163604

East Hartford CT Minority Opportunity—
Silktown Roofing is currently soliciting SBE/
MBE/DBE subcontractors for Public Notice;
East Hartford CT-East Hartford High School
State Project # 043-0245 RR. Trades; carpentry, plumbing, portable restrooms, steel
work, spandrel panels. Material Supply;
flat stock metal, lumber. Our bid submits on
Friday, March 25, 2022. If additional time is
needed for your submission please call our
estimating department. Interested parties
are asked to contact us at subcontracting@
silktownroofing.com. An Affirmative Action/
Equal Opportunity Employer.
3/5/2022 7163678

STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

ORDER OF NOTICE

Notice to: Darius Thomas, father of female child born on 2/18/2015. M. Greaves mother.

A petition has been filed seeking: Commitment of minor child(ren) of the above named or vesting of custody and care of said child(ren) of the above named in a lawful, private or public agency or a suitable and

can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on: 3-23-2022 at 3:00 p.m. at 20 Franklin Sq. 3rd Floor, New Britain CT 06051.

The petition, whereby the court's decision

Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt, in the: Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in the town/city of: Windsor Locks, CT.

Judge: Hon. Carl E. Taylor Signed: Peter Fradiani, Deputy Clerk Date signed: 3/2/2022

pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure an attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public Defender. Request for an attorney should be made immediately in person, by mail, or by fax at the court office where your hearing is 3/5/2022 7163890

Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to

Connecticut

Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: Extra space Storage, 1031 New Britain Av, West Hartford, CT, 06110. (860) 899-0143 March 16 at 1pm

Debra A Perkoski Household Items

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. 3/5/2022 7162122

LEGAL NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Town of Rocky Hill is soliciting an On Call contractor who can perform drainage preparation in advance of milling and paving to be performed on various roads in town. Contract items include, but are not limited to the removal of curb; removal, resetting, and installation of catch basins, tops and hoods installation of lawn drains and drainage pipe

and pavement repair. Sealed Bids for On Call Drainage Preparation Sealed Bids for On Call Drainage Preparation Contractor 2022 in the Town of Rocky Hill will be received by Mona McKim, Finance Director, Town of Rocky Hill, at the Rocky Hill Town Hall, located at 761 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 until Monday, March 28, 2022, at 11:00 A.M., at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids received after 11:00 A.M. on Monday, March 28, 2022, will not be accepted. MO Bids received after 11:00 A.M. on Monday, March 28, 2022, will not be accepted, NO EXCEPTIONS. Plans and Specifications will be available on Monday March 7, 2022, at 8:30 A.M. and may be examined and/ or procured at the Rocky Hill Engineering Department or downloaded from the town website at: https://www.rockyhillct.gov/Bids.aspx?catlD=18 Bids.aspx?CatID=18

Equal Opportunity Employer, minority/womer owned businesses are encouraged to submit a Proposal. (TTY Number 860-258-7639). 3/5/2022 7162381

STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

Tami Arrambide, mother of child born on 7/27/21 in New Britain, CT. of parts unknown.

A petition has been filed seeking: Commitment of minor child(ren) of the above named or vesting of custody and care of said child(ren) of the above named in a lawful, private or public agency or a suitable and

worthy person. Termination of parental rights of the above named in minor child(ren).

The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on: 3/30/2022 at 2:00 p.m. at 20 Franklin Sq.

Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt, in the: Hartford Courant, a newspaper having a circulation in the town/city of: Hartford, CT.

Judge: Hon, Carl E, Taylor Signed: Peter Fradiani, Deputy Clerk Date signed: 3/2/2022

Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure an attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public Defender. Request for an attorney should be made immediately in person, by mail, or by fax at the court office where your hearing is

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The Town of South Windsor requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals for professional and technical services required to prepare a 2022 Small Cities Community Development Program Application and provide administrative and technical support to implement activities including program income during the contract period, if approved. This RFP also includes selection for other Federal/State funding programs such as STEAP Section 108, USDA, etc... that may be used to meet local community development

and housing needs. The selected contractor will be responsible for all phases of general program adminis-tration and compliance, under the Town's direct supervision for approved projects, excluding funds disbursement, which will include such specific project administrative activities as Section 3, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Davis-Bacon compliance, housing rehabilitation design and delivery i

All Application development and submission and Citizen Participation activities necessary for the specific project submission must be included in the proposal.

Selection will be based on amount of Small Cities projects completed, experience of staff assigned, cost, and any other factors deemed of benefit to the community. architectural and engineering

services required for project activities are not being requested as part of this proposal Two copies of the proposal must be submit ted to Town of South Windsor, Office of the Town Manager, 1540 Sullivan Ave, South Windsor, CT no later than 3pm on March 21, 2022. Proposals must include the following a. proposed scope of work and project

detailed information of the firm's background and experience in Federal/State funding, specific Small Cities CDBG Program

experience is required. c. key staff assigned with resumes.
d. proposed fee approach including a list of per diem rates by job category.
e. each proposer must provide certification

of insurance in the types and amounts speci-fied by DECD Bulletin #94-003 within ten

days of selection by the Town. Additional information is available by contacting to Patricia Perry, Director of Finance, 1540 Sullivan Avenue, South Windsor, CT 06074, telephone 860 644-2511, ext. 2263 between 9 am and 4 pm, local time, March 4, 2022, through March 14, 2022, or at pperry@southwindsorct.gov. AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE

ACTION EMPLOYER WRF/MRF/SRF AND SECTION BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY 3/5, 3/7/2022 7163646

STATE OF CONNECTICUT COURT OF PROBATE FARMINGTON REGIONAL PROBATE COURT

DISTRICT NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE TO Sarah Ciccio, whose last known

address is unknown to the court Joseph Maynard, whose last known address is unknown to the court. Pursuant to an order of Hon. Evelyn M. Daly, Judge, a hearing will be held at Farmington Regional Probate Court, One Monteith Drive, Lower Level, Farmington, CT 06032 on April 4, 2022 at 9:40 AM on a petition for Removal of Guardian of the Person concerning a certain minor child born on June 1, 2010. The court's decision will affect your

interest, if any, as in the petition on file more

fully appears By order of the court

3/5/2022 7163989

Yolanda Candeias -Ferreira, Clerk Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure an attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public Defender. Request for an attorney should be made immediately in person, by mail, or by fax at the court office where your hearing is



YOUR PERFECT HIRE IS WAITING

Stop wasting time searching for talent. Find the right talent with tribune publishing recruitment services.

Extend your reach. Access customized technology. Simplify your search.



courant.com/jobs



Search jobs. Post your resume. Stand out from the crowd.

OBITUARIES BY TOWN

Berlin Gustave J. Pulaski **Bristol** Gay P. Ritter Enfield

Peter M. Devylder Claire M. Petrone Gustave J. Pulaski

Hartford Charles W Duarte Manchester

Richard P. Hayes, Sr. Raymond L. Peracchio Middletown Charles M Stoldt, Sr. **New Britain**

Paula Pina Other Towns in CT Gernan E. Johnson* Scott P Renfrew Danny C. Taylor

Out of State Peter M. Devylder Rocky Hill Gay P. Ritter **South Windsor** Charles W Duarte Anita Newberry Raymond L. Peracchio Danny C. Taylor Vernon

Richard P. Hayes, Sr. Gernan E. Johnson* Anita Newberry Wethersfield

Feaster, III Windsor Charles M Stoldt, Sr. **OUT OF STATE** Peter M. Devylder

Treasvant A.

Longmeadow, MA, Anita Newberry Ft. Lauderdale, FL

* Denotes name listing only. Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Pulaski, Gustave J.



Gustave John Pulaski, 90, of Enfield passed away peacefully on March 2nd, surrounded by his family. Born in New Haven to the late Gustave and Esther Stanish Pulaski on May 21st, 1931. He is survived by his loving wife Jane Regan Pulaski, and his children, Lori Pulaski Unghire and her husband, John; Joseph Pulaski and his Beverly; and John wife,

Pulaski. He was predeceased by son, Gustave Pulaski, Jr. He was grandfather of John (Lila) Unghire, Joshua (Sarah) Unghire, Bryce Pulaski, Regan (Ashley) Pulaski, and Ashley (Zachary) Dibble. He has been blessed to see his three great-grand-daughters, Harper and Birdie Unghire, and Esmee Pulaski. Gus is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews, and a host of friends with whom he has cherished many conversations through the years. He was predeceased by his sisters: Dorothy (Edward) Wroblewski, MaryAnn (Edward) Creamer, Margaret (Paul) Milles.

Gus served in the United States Air Force for four years in Germany, North Africa, and France during the Korean conflict. Gus was a member of the United Pentecostal Church since 1979 until the present. A resident of Enfield since 1964, and employed by Pratt & Whitney of East Hartford in the experimental aircraft engine department for 37 years until he retired.

Gus loved the Lord Jesus Christ and grew passionate every time he gave his salvation testimony. His family will remember him as a wealth of information, a prayer warrior, that he loved God and country and especially his family.

Calling hours will be at Browne Memorial Chapels, 43 Shaker Road in Enfield on Sunday, March 6th, 2022 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. The funeral service will take place at 11 am on Monday, March 7th at the funeral home, followed by interment at Hazardville Cemetery with military honors. To leave an online condolence message visit: www.brownememorialchapels.com.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Taylor, Danny Charles



Danny Charles Taylor, age 75, died March 3, 2022 of complications from Alzheimer's disease. Danny was born in Cedar Rapids, lowa, on February 17, 1947, son of Charles and Lileth Taylor, both now deceased. He grew up in Rockville, Connecticut, and attended Rockville schools. Danny enlisted in the United States Army in 1965, and was a surveyor of missile sites in

Germany for three years. University Danny attended the Connecticut and earned a B.A. in Business Administration. There he met his wife, Claire, and the two married in January of 1973. After passing the Certified Public Accountant exam, he joined the firm of Siskin and Shapiro, in Hartford, CT. for three years. He was later hired by the State of Connecticut Judicial Department, where he rose to the position of Director of Audit. He obtained a Master's Degree in Public Administration during this time. Danny was always active in sports and played soft-

ball on the Judicial team, led bowling leagues with his high scores, and enjoyed hiking and cycling. His years in Germany sparked a life-long interest in travel which he shared with his wife, traveling extensively to destinations in Europe, the United States, Mexico, and Canada. He particularly loved Provincetown, Cape Cod, and camped there for many years with his family. His warm smile (accented by the infamous mustache), quick sense of humor (especially known for his puns), and kindness towards all made him loved and appreciated by those who met him. In his last years at the Residence at South Windsor Farms his sincere appreciation, upbeat attitude, and ability to make others laugh endeared him to all. They loved "Dan the Man." He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Vernon, and served on the vestry. He was recently a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, South Windsor. Danny was the father of Justin Charles Taylor, born in 1980, and Carolyn Taylor Hewitt, born in 1984. He was a selfless and loving dad to his children, and was the happiest when visiting with them.

Dan was an avid train enthusiast. He had hundreds of books on the subject, and rode trains whenever possible, whether on Eurorail on a trip through France, or steam trains here in the U.S. He had a wide range of interests, including Art History, which he studied as a retiree at UCONN.

Dan leaves his wife of 49 years, Claire, and his son and daughter-in-law, Justin and Rebekah Taylor of Somers, CT., as well as his daughter Carolyn and son-in-law Robb Hewitt of Hull, MA. He also leaves his brother Kevin Taylor of Sun City West, AZ., and two stepgrandchildren, Duncan and Jordan Hewitt.

 $\check{\mathsf{V}}\mathsf{isiting}$ hours will be held from 10 – 11 am on Tuesday, March 8th at Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Road, South Windsor. Funeral services will begin at 11:00 to be followed by burial at Wapping Cemetery with full military honors. Donations can be made to the Trolley Museum, 58 North Rd, East Windsor, CT 06088, or the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome. com



Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Pina, Paula



Paula Ustina (Mozaeko) Pina, devoted wife to the late Kenneth Joseph Pina, Sr., passed away on March 2, 2022. Paula was born in Brooklyn to the late Henry Margaret (Eaton) Mozaeko. Paula will be remembered fondly for her love of dogs, being an avid reader, and doing word puzzles. Paula worked as a dog

groomer after retiring from Traveler's Insurance. Her laugh resonated through the house whenever she watched her favorite TV shows and movies, or when she would laugh at her own jokes. Paula lived life as she always wanted and never regretted anything. Paula is survived by and will be deeply missed by her son, Daniel Mozaeko and his wife Cristine, of New Britain; her grandson, Danny Mozaeko; cousins Louise Rosa Tully and Justine Rosa Willis and her Best friend Margaret Grant, along with many other cousins. In addition to her husband, Kenneth, and her parents Henry and Margaret, Paula is predeceased by: her brother Jerry and Uncle Tom of Shirley, MA. A period of visitation will be held Monday, March 7, 2022 at New Britain Memorial & Sagarino Funeral Home, 444 Farmington Ave, New Britain from 11am-12pm. Interment services will immediately follow at the Connecticut State Veteran's Cemetery, Bow Lane, Middletown. For an online memorial, please visit www.NewBritainSagarino.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Peracchio, Raymond L.

Raymond L. Peracchio, DMD, 91, beloved husband of Marilyn (Tribuna) Peracchio, of South Windsor, formerly of Manchester and Bolton passed away on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was the son of the late Vincent and Angela Peracchio. In 1956, he graduated from Tufts Dental and also married Marilyn. He was an oral surgeon in Vernon and Manchester for 31 years with Dr. Trabitz and Dr. Prindiville. Raymond was an avid golfer at Ellington Ridge Country Club and was an active supporter to the

UCONN Athletic & Development Fund. He was also a veteran of the US Navy.
Raymond is survived by his wife Marilyn, children Linda Lemire and her husband Brian of Bolton, Paul Peracchio and his wife Beth of Guilford, Lisa Marineau and her husband Gary of Manchester: grandchildren Alyssa and and his wife Beth of Guilford, Lisa Marineau and her husband Gary of Manchester; grandchildren Alyssa and her husband Daniel Illig, Nicholas Peracchio, Tristan Marineau and his wife Elayne, Toby Marineau and Taber Marineau; and great grandchildren Leni and Oliver Illig. He was predeceased by his son Raymond Jr., and granddaughter Courtney Marineau.

Family and friends may call on the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., Manchester, on Monday, March 7th, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. with a funeral home service immediately following. Burial will be held at St. James Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made in Raymond's honor to the Spina Bifida Association, www.spinabifidaasso-

to the Spina Bifida Association, www.spinabifidaassociation.org. For online condolences, please visit www. tierneyfuneralhome.com.



Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Ritter, Gay Petruzzi



Gay Petruzzi Ritter "Nana" 77, of Westbrook, passed on February 2, 2022 at Middlesex Hospital with her daughter by her side. She was born on February 12, 1944 in Bristol, CT, daughter of the late Gerard and Mary (O'Leary) Castonguay. She graduated from hair dressing school and opened her own salon in Bristol, Hair Fashions by Gay. She had many talents including crafting of all sorts and she had a green

After hair dressing, she decided to follow her passion for crafting and opened a shop, Crafts by the Farmer's Daughter. Over the years, Gay became an avid painter and found her own style. She painted almost every day and she was an active member of the Connecticut River Artisans in Essex. She was predeceased by her husband, Barnaby Ritter. She is survived by her daughter, Marybeth Petruzzi and her partner, Vito Iallonardo of Westbrook, her step-son, Chris Ritter and his wife, Jaclyn of Cheshire, her grandchildren, Olivia Iallonardo and Logan Ritter, several nieces and nephews, and several great-nieces and great-nephews. She leaves a sister, Gail Miller of Westbrook and she was predeceased by a sister, Ann Testa of Bristol. A Celebration of Gay's life will be announced at a later date. A special thank you to all the wonderful staff at Middlesex Hospital who provided

thumb when it came to plants and flowers.

such compassionate and loving care. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Renfrew, Scott P

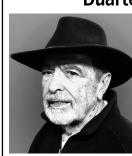


It is with deep sorrow we announce the passing of Scott Renfrew at Middlesex Memorial Hospital Hospice, March 2, 2022. Born in Hyannis, Massachusetts to Melton Stratton Renfrew and Rita Corcoran Renfrew on February 8, 1943, Scott was a lifelong Connecticut resident. Scott graduated from Windsor High School in 1961. He lived

in New Britain, Windsor, and all of his adult life in Clinton. He was a recent resident of The Village at South Farms, Middletown, CT. Scott was an immensely caring, gentle soul who led a life of service to others. He worked as a certified nursing assistant at Gaylord Rehabilitation Hospital for thirty-seven years. Scott then cared for our mother in her final years. Scott was a proud member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Clinton Historical Society, and the Knights of Columbus. He was an active parishioner of St. Mary's Church of the Visitation, Clinton, CT. He enjoyed travel, history, corny puns, and was an inveterate thrift shop-per. Scotty was a devoted brother and a truly good man. Scott is survived by his sister, Ann Renfrew Heslin of Berlin, CT, and brother Douglas Renfrew and wife, Corliss of York, Maine. He was very close to his nieces and nephews. Donna McGuinness, Willington, CT; Diane Byron, Shelton, CT; Eric Heslin, Ashford, CT; Kelly Ridley, York, ME; Adam Renfrew, Westbrook, CT, as well as ten grand-nieces and grand-nephews and one great grand-nephew. In addition to his parents, Scott was predeceased by nephews Michael J. Renfrew and Brett D. Renfrew, and brother-in-law, Thomas F. Heslin. Visiting hours will be from 1 to 5 pm Sunday, March 6 at Swan Funeral Home, Clinton. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated 11 am Monday, March 7 at St. Mary's Church of the Visitation, Clinton. Private burial to follow at St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Clinton Historical Society, P.O. Box 86, Clinton, CT 06413, or the Knights of Columbus Council #6376, P.O. Box 42, Clinton CT 06413

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Duarte, Charles W



OBITUARIES

Charles Duarte died at home on March 1, 2022. He was born in Bridgeport, CT. He was predeceased by his parents Mary and Charles Duarte, Manuel Duarte his brother of Gardner, MA, and six sisters Maria of Marin, CA, Agnes of Port Charlotte, FL, Teresa of Southport, CT, Hilda of Canton, MI, Linda of Trumbull, CT, and Florence of

Stratford, CT. He was also predeceased by Christopher Duarte his older son. He is survived by his wife Wallis M Duarte, two daughters Kristin and Jennifer, his son David, and grandchildren Leilani Rose, Gabriel, Caleb and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a Memorial Mass celebrated June 2022 at 10 am St. Gabriel's Church 26 Broadway, Milford, CT. A celebration of his life will be held directly after the mass. Please reach out to family members for more details.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

DeVylder, Peter M.



Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Hayes, Sr., Richard P.

Richard (Dick) P. Hayes, Sr., 85, of Vernon, passed away January 12, 2022. He was born on December 18, 1936, in Manchester, CT, to the late Adelaide Brown Hayes and David Vincent Hayes. He graduated from Munson Academy and attended the University of Notre Dame. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and achieved the rank of Sergeant by the conclusion of his service.

In 1960, he started a real estate business, The Hayes Corporation, (It pays to call Hayes). In the 1970's, he began to invest in commercial real estate, and in 1985, he formed a partnership, Hayes-Kaufman Developers.

His summer vacation time was spent with his children and grandchildren at his home on Block Island.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers Martin and David. He is survived by his three children, Richard Hayes Jr. and his wife Mary Wetmore Hayes of Bolton, his two daughters Patty Hayes of Lutherville, Maryland and Mary Doherty and her husband Mike Doherty of Westerly, Rhode Island; along with his six grandchildren, his sister Catherine and her husband Thomas Toomey, and many nieces and nephews. His companion of 30 years, Meeri Campos, resides in Connecticut.

A celebration of life was held at Saint Bridget's Church in Manchester. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

Memorial donations in Richard's memory may be made to The Committee for the Great Salt Pond, P.O. Box 1092, Block Island, RI, 02807.



Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Newberry, Anita (Rupner)



Anita Rupner Newberry, 74, wife of Warren Martin Newberry, Sr., Lauderdale, FL, died February 5, 2022 at her home. She and Warren had been married for 43 years when he passed away in 2019. Born Germany on June 23, 1947, the daughter of Ilmar Rupner and Irina Rupner, she grew up in South Windsor, CT and

raised a family of her own in Vernon, CT. She devoted her career to teaching where she positively impacted the lives of thousands of students. She leaves one son and his wife, Warren "Skip" Newberry, Jr. and Olivia Zirker; a daughter and her husband, Kristin (Newberry) Purcell and Jamie Purcell; and three grandchildren, Linus, Louisa and Shelby. Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First Congregational Church, P.O. Box 165, South Windsor 06074.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Stoldt Sr., Charles M

Charles M. Stoldt Sr., 96, of Middletown, husband of the late Helene (Heintze) Stoldt, passed away on December 12, 2021 at home. Born in Mamaroneck, NY, he was the son of the late Charles J. Stoldt and the late Isabelle (Mitchell) Stoldt

Charles served two years in the United States Navy during WWII and saw action in the Pacific Theater while on the USS Pasadena. He was awarded several medals including 6 battle stars for naval engagements. In 1946

he was honorably discharged as seaman first class. In 1953 Charles graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the New York University, School of

Commerce, Accounts, and Finance. In 1953 Charles and Helene were married and eventually settled in Connecticut, raising their family in

Granby. Charles worked for The State of Connecticut as an accountant. In retirement Charles and Helene enjoyed

traveling the world. Charles was predeceased by his wife, Helene, and his brother Robert Montgomery. He is survived by his children; Karen Stoldt, Charles Stoldt Jr., and Valerie (Stoldt) Warren, and his granddaughters; Christy (Stoldt) Tweed, Lindsay Stoldt, and Kelly Stoldt. After Charles' death, his son Curtis Stoldt passed away.

Services are private and held at the convenience of the family. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

OBITUARIES

Feaster, III, Treasvant Andrew



Lt. Col. Treasvant Andrew Feaster III, U. S. Air Force (Ret.), 93, of Wethersfield, passed away on February 24, 2022. He lived a rich, full life and will be deeply missed by family and

Treas (his nickname) was born in Louisville, Kentucky on January 3, 1929, to Treasvant Feaster Jr. and Margaret Harkins Feaster. He graduated from Central High School in Louisville and earned his bachelor's degree in History at the historically Black college Lincoln University, in Jefferson City, MO. Following his college graduation in 1951, Treas enlisted in the newly established US Air Force, and shortly thereafter gained his commission as a Second Lieutenant. He began his career as an intelligence officer, and his early roles included debriefing combat air crews in Korea; later, he trained to detect, disarm, and detonate explosive threats as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal officer.

During his more than 20 years in uniform, Treas was stationed in Korea, the Philippines,

Thailand, England, and at bases across the USA, and he served in combat in Korea and Vietnam. In the early 1960's, he was among a group of more than a dozen African American officers reassigned to Air Force bases in the South to help desegregate those bases. Later, during the Vietnam conflict, he led mobile EOD teams conducting clandestine EOD missions inside enemy-held territory, including Laos. During his active-duty service, he attended nuclear weapons school and the Air University Squadron Officers School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. Treas retired after 23 years at the rank of Lt. Colonel; his military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, for engagement in operations against an opposing force

while operating from Don Muang Air Base in Thailand. During an overseas assignment in England, he met the love of his life, Alison B. Hewett, a nursing student in London; they married in her Jamaican ancestral home in 1960 and remained married until his passing.

After retiring from the US Air Force, Treas joined Northeast Utilities in Berlin (now Eversource) as a recruiter for

nuclear power engineers, eventually working 19 years as a manager in human resources, recruiting, and equal opportunity, before retiring for the second time.

Treas was an avid tennis player who continued to play until he was 79 years old; while in college, he was trained by Wimbledon champion Althea Gibson. Working in his large garden was one of his great passions, and he was also an active member of the Church of Incarnation, where he lectored and was a member of the Parish Council. Treas loved the New York Yankees and attended baseball games every year at Yankee Stadium; he also supported the UCONN women's basketball team and enjoyed homemade tacos and butter pecan ice cream. Treas was preceded in death by his oldest brother, Charles Feaster, of Xenia, OH, who was an original World War II Tuskegee Airman; sister Gloria Feaster Hurt, of Ann Arbor, MI; and sister Linda Feaster Cottrell, of Florissant, MO.

Treas is survived by his wife of 62 years, Alison Feaster, son Paul Feaster, and his wife Miranca Van Duyse, of Clearwater, FL; daughter Rebecca Feaster-Pittman, and her husband, Navy Rear Admiral (Ret.) Hal Pittman of Hertford, NC; daughter Air Force Colonel (Ret.) Hilary Feaster, of Hertford, NC; and grandsons Evan Pittman and

Family and friends are invited Tuesday, March 8, 2022, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. for visitation at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 9, at the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect St, Wethersfield, 06109. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations can be made to the Military Child Education Coalition, https://www.militarychild.org/get-involved/donate in Memory of Treas will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors among many of his comrades in arms.

To share a memory of Treas with his family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

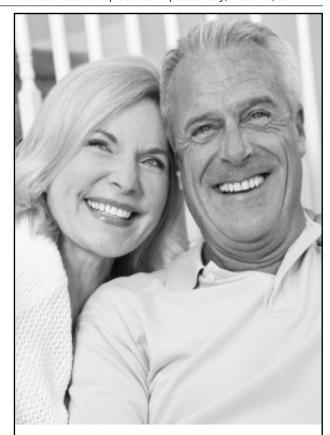


In Loving Memory Of CHARLOTTE ANTOINETTE NARDOZZI GAGNE



8/5/1943-3/5/2013 It has been 9 years since you've been gone. Now you have the love of your life with you to dance with Miss you very much





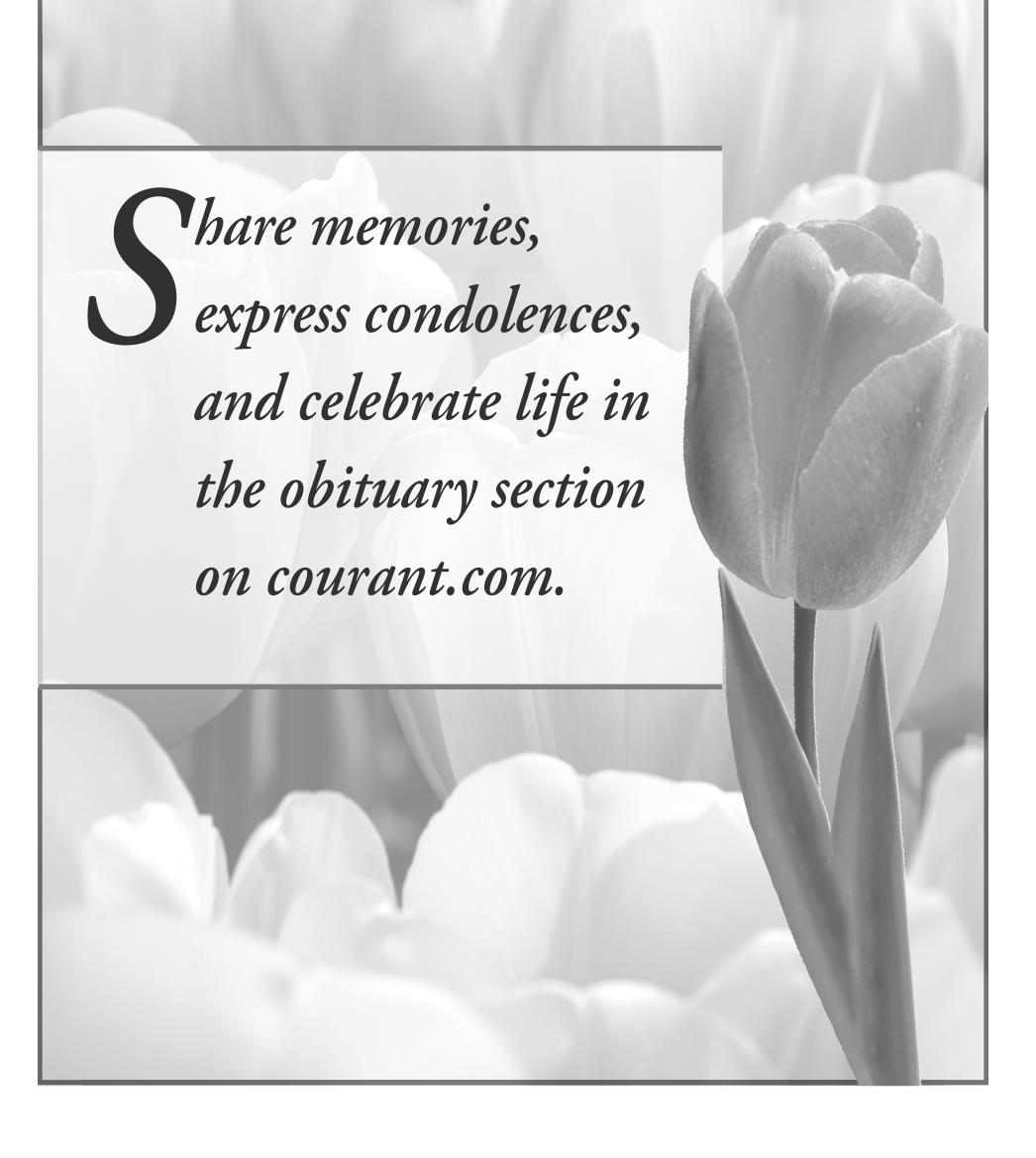
Stories live on. Tell theirs.

Share your loved one's story.

placeanad.courant.com/obituaries

Hartford Courant media group

Legacy.com



FOR SOME, FEELING

tribpub.com/ramsbook

or call (866) 545-3534

LASTS MORE THAN A MOMENT.

· 连接种类型:"你是一个一定,不是一个一个一个一个一个一个一直的样子。" 连接种类

WE CAN CHANGE THAT.

We've all had moments where we've felt we didn't belong. But for people who moved to this country, that feeling lasts more than a moment. Together, we can build a better community. Learn how at BelongingBeginsWithUs.org

BELONGING US



The Daniels Energy Mitsubishi Electric AC Trifectal

Three Great
Reasons To
Call & Buy
Today!



Buy One - Get One FREE

Buy One Mitsubishi Electric Ductless Split Pay For One Head – Get The 2nd – FREE

Heat or Cool One Big Room
Or Two Smaller Rooms

Pay Less Than \$100/mo*

.99% _{apr} – 10Yr. Financing Offer

To Stay Cool All Summer Long – Warm All Winter!

Get First 3 Months - FREE

Up to \$500 Added Value – But Only If You Order By March 31**

ADDED BONUS REASON

WAIT...THERE'S EVEN MORE!

Daniels
12-Year
Mitsubishi
Elite
Contractor
Warranty

Plus Get Up To: \$500 Energize CT Rebate

Nobody does AC installations like Daniels Energy. Serving Connecticut Homeowners for 96 Years!

Call Daniels Energy Today 860.813.9105



THE HOME COMFORT SPECIALISTS



DIAMOND





*Example: project cost \$10,800. Maximum Loan Term: 108 Mos. Loan Amount: \$9,720 Down Payment: \$1,080. Monthly Payment: \$94.11. Rates and rebates contingent on local utility participation. TERMS and Conditions apply. Offer is for one standard compressor unit and two standard Mitsubishi Ductless Split head units. EnergizeCT offers an immediate consumer rebate of up to \$500 depending on equipment selected. Minimum size restrictions and SEER ratings apply. Not available on previous sales. See Daniels Energy representative for complete details. This Mitsubishi offer ends March 31, 2022. ** 3 months FREE offer valid for sales made during the month of March, 2022 only.

Maximum value: \$500. Daniels Energy CT license S1-385517 HOD#19/ Daniels Propane LLC #846 CT license S1-302857.

CONNECTICUT

COURANT.COM/CONNECTICUT

Irish history exhibit gets new home

Quinnipiac University's Great Hunger collection, the largest in the world, is moving to Fairfield

By Susan Dunne Hartford Courant

Ireland's Great Hunger Museum is moving to Fairfield, it was announced on Friday by Quinnipiac University, which closed the museum last summer.

The Gaelic American Club (GAC) in Fairfield will become the new steward of the entire collection, which is the world's largest

collection of art and artifacts about the 1845-1852 Great Hunger, QU spokesman John Morgan said in a press release.

"The university's goal is to preserve the collection, to have it displayed intact, and for it to remain in Connecticut in a more central location accessible to a broader public," Morgan wrote. "The decision follows extensive exploratory conversations with

many organizations and community leaders as the university investigated multiple avenues to preserve the collection and its important message."

The removal of the collection to

Fairfield was approved by a unanimous vote of QU's board of trust-

"The university remains committed to keeping the collection together and honoring the terms of the original donor agreements for any items donated to IGHM," Morgan wrote.

An 8,000-square-feet historical

building near the GAC clubhouse at 74 Beach Road will be converted into an exhibit space, according to John Foley, vice president of the GAC. Among the designers who will be consulted regarding the renovation are architects Peter McGinley and Conor Kenney, Foley said.

Foley said it is too early to give details about the next steps or a timeline for opening. "The partnership itself has to be defined. The next step is to sit with [Quinnipiac]," Foley said.

In their negotiations with

QU, which began in December, the GAC asked if the museum could stay in its current space in Hamden. "It would have been a much easier thing for this to open in Hamden, much easier to everyone," Foley said. "Quinnipiac didn't want to open it. They didn't discuss as to why."

The club at first considered working with a nearby university Fairfield or Sacred Heart — to house the museum, then rejected that idea. "Why put it behind

Turn to Museum, Page 2



Willie Fair, from left, Hughann Thomas and Issaih Percy have created Soul Bowls, a new soul food restaurant in Hartford. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

oul food in

Trio team up for takeout spot in South Meadows neighborhood

By Susan Dunne Hartford Courant

The event on Feb. 26 at 489 Wethersfield Ave. in Hartford was supposed to be a friends and family soft opening for a new restaurant called Soul Bowls. But word got out. Hundreds of people showed up. Then passersby saw the line out the door and down the sidewalk, and they got in line too.

"People had never seen a restaurant here before. All of a sudden there's a restaurant," said Hughann Thomas of West Hartford, one of the owners of Soul Bowls. "We were only able to serve 200 of them."

Now the South Meadows neighborhood is ready for Soul Bowls and Soul Bowls is ready for the neighborhood. The official grand opening will be Wednesdav.

Thomas, Willie Fair and Malik Golden opened the restaurant, which serves soul food in bowls, in a long-vacant former deli at the corner of Wethersfield Avenue and Adelaide Street.

Thomas brings culinary flair to Soul Bowls. He has a long history in the hospitality industry.

"Since I was a kid I wanted to be head chef at my own restaurant. I taught myself to cook. It was a burning passion," Thomas said. "My mom wasn't the best cook. I was always trying to find a better way to cook that."

He is aided in the kitchen by sous chef Issaih Percy, a friend from Conard High and a former colleague at Plan B restaurant. But the restaurant's secret recipe "soul sauce" comes from Golden's

The restaurant's bowl meals. for \$14, have a base of white rice or "soul rice," which is a Spanish rice. Proteins are fried chicken bites, fried or sauteed shrimp and pernil (pork shoulder). Each bowl gets two sides: a choice of collard greens; candied yams; French fries; a "soul veggie mix" of broccoli, carrots, bell peppers and chickpeas; or "krack and cheese,"

Turn to Soul, Page 2

PURDUE PHARMA DEAL

Amid anger, hope for future

Families worried about 'the next child who will be lost' to opioid crisis

By John Seewer and Dave Collins Associated Press

For those who lost loved ones in the opioid crisis, making sure the family behind OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma paid a price was never just about money. What many wanted was a chance to confront the Sackler family face to face, to make them feel

While some may get that chance – at least by video – under a tentative settlement reached Thursday that also would force the Sacklers to pay out billions, the families still are coming away feeling empty, conflicted and angry yet again. There's a bit of hope mixed in too.

Nothing, though, will bring back any of the lives lost or hold the Sacklers fully accountable, in their eyes.

"I'd like to see the Sacklers bleed all they can, but the bigger picture for me is what they're doing to clean up the mess," said Vicki Meyer Bishop of Clarksburg, Maryland, who lost her 45-year-old son, Brian Meyer, in 2017. "We're all so very worried about the next generation and the next child who will be lost."

The Sacklers, whose wealth has been estimated in court filings at over \$10 billion, will get to hang on to a chunk of their vast fortune and be protected from current and future civil lawsuits

Turn to Purdue, Page 2

Military relief unit brought 'hope, healing' to hospital in New Haven

By Eliza Fawcett Hartford Courant

For many hospitals across Connecticut, 2022 did not begin auspiciously. Almost two years into the pandemic, COVID-19 hospitalizations had spiked dramatically again, straining an already over-burdened and short-staffed workforce.

In early February, however, much-needed respite arrived, in the form of U.S. Air Force medi-

cal relief units who filed into Saint Francis Hospital, Hartford Hospital and Yale New Haven Hospital to cheers from staff. As part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's nationwide "surge response" program, each hospital received 20 active duty medical personnel, who swiftly integrated into clinical units.

The Saint Raphael Campus of Yale New Haven Hospital received 11 nurses, four physicians, two medical technicians, two respiratory therapists and a health administrator, for a total of 30 days, said Jennifer Menillo, the director of inpatient medicine services at Yale New Haven Hospital.

The arrival of the medical relief unit brought "hope and healing" to a hospital that has fought wave after wave of the pandemic, she said. And while the 11 nurses who joined the hospital staff represent a small fraction of the 800 nurses

Turn to Hospital, Page 2



FEMA military medical personnel arrive to cheers at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford in February. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

CONNECTICUT March 4-6

Hundreds of Exhibitors in every home category.

Everything for your Home in one location!

HBRA Design Cafe: Featuring seminars by local award winning design professionals. See schedule online at CTHomeShow.com

HOME SHOW TODAY! CT Convention Center • Friday 3-8pm, Saturday 10-8pm, Sunday 10-5pm



























Off Tickets Now - Enter Code: SAVE25

at CTHomeShow.com

CT'S LARGEST &

LONGEST RUNNING



CONNECTICUT



Issaih Percy, left, and John Williams prepare "soul rolls" at Soul Bowls. MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

Soul

from Page 1

an addictively creamy macaroni and cheese

Each of those sides are available (for \$5) on their own, as are the "soul rolls" (\$4), a combination of the candied yams and mac-andcheese rolled up in eggroll wrapping and deep-fried, served with

Soul Bowls is takeout only, with a lively mural by local artist Corey Pane in the waiting area. When it gets warmer, the men hope to install high-top tables outside.

Fair comes to Soul Bowls from a business background. A graduate of UConn business school, Fair helped to develop The Lost Breed, a health, wellness and athletic apparel brand based in West Hartford. "I'm the foundational guy. I know how to build a business from A to Z," he said.

Golden was a safety for Penn State and the Pittsburgh Steelers. After a career-ending injury, he traveled and laid low for a few years. Then he came back to his hometown and decided to fulfill a



Willie Fair, left, helps customer Kenshaun Gamble at Soul Bowls, a new soul food restaurant in the South Meadows neighborhood of Hartford.

lifelong desire to enter the dining industry. He sought out Thomas, who had a catering company,

Poppa's Kitchen in New Britain. The restaurant is new, but Fair has big plans. He wants to open a second location by the end of the year. It will be in Connecticut, he said, but the location is still to be determined.

"We want to be the Chipotle of soul food," he said. "Our motto is, Everything's better in a bowl'."

Soul Bowls, 489 Wethersfield Ave. in Hartford, will be open, starting March 9, from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday.

Susan Dunne can be reached at sdunne@courant.com.

Hospital

from Page 1

Menillo oversees, she emphasized that they have had an outsize impact on the hospital's medical

"They've integrated well, they've become part of the family," she said. "They've been able to support the teams so they can take a little bit of a back step and a breather — to say, 'I can have that that time off,' or 'I don't have to pick up that extra shift."

State and federal military units have provided support to Connecticut throughout the pandemic, from distributing PPE and at-home COVID-19 tests to setting up vaccination sites and addressing food insecurity. By early 2022, though, it was clear that what hospitals needed most were extra hands.

Dr. Lirim Ameti, a physician at Yale New Haven Hospital, who has worked with the military physicians stationed at the Saint Raphael Campus, said that the airmen not only offset heavy workloads, but also gave staff "a boost in morale and inspiration to really help us through these difficult times."

Since arriving last month, the airmen have provided more than 2,000 clinical hours to Yale New Haven Hospital, said Capt. Johnelyn Cadang, a liaison officer with the Connecticut Army National Guard. The medical relief personnel, who have been staying in local hotels, will return to the Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada by the end of next week.

"Right now, our mission is 70% complete," Cadang said.

Gillian Bowes, a registered nurse

at the Saint Raphael Campus who has worked with two nurses from the military relief unit for the past month, said that their assistance

has been a boon to the hospital. "It's really nice having them here to fill in the gaps when we're short," she said. "You don't have to work so much overtime or stay late, and it helps with our nurse-to-patient ratios."

To Menillo, the airmen's impact has been indisputable: in the face of "mental anguish" and exhaustion, they enabled "a sigh of relief."

Hartford Healthcare also had 20 military medical personnel assigned to Hartford Hospital; for a month, a spokeswoman has said. The assignments were to help "specifically in patient care areas," the spokeswoman said.

Eliza Fawcett can be reached at elfawcett@courant.com.







Anjaknie Roundtree and her two children, Tykeese and Chloe. COURTESY

VERNON

Police seek missing mom, 2 kids

Vernon police are asking for the public's help in finding a missing mother and her two young children.

Anjaknie Roundtree, 36, and her kids, Tykeese, 4, and Chloe Palmer, 2, were reported missing on Thursday. Roundtree was last seen on Tuesday in the area of Grove Street in Vernon, looking for a ride to a Manchester hotel, police said.

Mother and children left the

area on foot. Roundtree does not have a vehicle and uses public transportation to get around, police said. She uses a double stroller to transport her children. Previously, police said, Roundtree had gone to Virginia to apply for jobs.

Anyone with information on the family's whereabouts is asked to call police at 860-872-9126.

- Jesse Leavenworth

Museum

from Page 1

another university wall? What happens ... if three or four years along, the institution changed and wanted a new scenario. We'd be back to square one again," Foley said.

Foley said the GAC would work with universities that have Irish studies programs to ensure the collection will be used for educational purposes, and that the collection also will be accessible to the public.

"It is cause for great celebration that the Great Hunger Collection will not remain shuttered; that this remarkable and terrible part of the story of Ireland will once again be shared and understood alongside the equally remarkable and brilliant paths that Irish people — many of whom became Irish Americans — have forged," an online statement on the GAC website read.

The 75-year-old GAC is one of New England's largest Irish-American organizations, with 6,000 members.

One group that was organized to save the museum's collection, however, is not satisfied with the decision to hand the collection over to the GAC. Turlough McConnell, executive director of the nonprofit Save Ireland's Great Hunger Museum, said that committee was "shocked that Quinnipiac would make a rash decision to turn such a valuable collection over to a social club, moreover, one that does not have appropriate charitable status.

"Even more surprising is that it would do so while the attorney general's investigation is still ongoing," McConnell wrote in a news release. "Our concern always has been, and always will be, the story of Ireland's Great Hunger as told through art and artifacts by leading artists, for which the university has shown a callous disregard."

Others commenting Friday on the Save Ireland's Great Hunger Museum Facebook page, however,

"Our concern always has been, and always will be, the story of Ireland's Great Hunger as told through art and artifacts by leading artists, for which the university has shown a callous disregard."

– Turlough McConnell, executive director of Save Ireland's Great Hunger Museum

disagreed with the organization's official position, praising the university's partnership with

The uproar about the museum began when QU board of trustees unanimously voted in August to close it for good.

In a virtual town hall that month, QU President Judy Olian blamed the closure on three years in a row of low attendance and insufficient fundraising. She said the school planned to distribute the museum's collection to other museums.

The news of the permanent closure, and the potential breakup of the collection, caused an uproar in the Irish and Irish American communities. Many compared the Great Hunger, known commonly as the "potato famine," to the Holocaust and blasted the university for its decision.

Attorney General William Tong launched an investigation into the matter, and state officials rallied around the collection's preservation. Tong's spokeswoman Elizabeth Benton said on Friday that the investigation is "active and ongoing.

QU is still home to Ireland's Great Hunger Institute and the Irish collection in the Lender Reading Room.

Susan Dunne can be reached at sdunne@courant.com.

Purdue

from Page 1

over opioids. The deal announced Thursday, which must be approved by a federal bankruptcy judge, requires the Sacklers to pay as much as \$6 billion, with \$750 million for victims and their survivors. Most of the rest will go to state and local governments to fight the crisis. They also must give up ownership of their company, with the new entity's profits going toward fighting opioid addiction through treatment and education programs.

Some of the survivors of the opioid crisis and relatives of those who died will receive payments. But most will get just a few thousand dollars — not even enough to reimburse the cost of a funeral and many more who have not filed claims already will be shut out altogether.

"These families do need to get something," said Beth Schmidt, who started a support group in Sykesville, Maryland, after her son Sean died in 2013, one of 13 lost in their town in little over a year. 'We have families that can't afford to bury their children. They're choosing cremation because it's less expensive. They shouldn't have to do that."

The agreement also recommends that the victims be allowed to directly share their heartache with Sackler family members by videoconference at a hearing scheduled for Wednesday

Meyer Bishop would love to face the Sacklers and show them a picture of her son that's "so big they couldn't look away."

'It's what I see before I fall asleep every night," she said. "I don't even know if that would



Lynn Wencus, of Wrentham, Mass., holds a sign for her son Jeff along with wearing a sign showing loved ones lost to OxyContin and opioid overdoses, during a 2018 protest at Purdue Pharma headquarters in Stamford. JESSICA HILL/AP

touch them. I don't think it would." The Sacklers have been cast as the leading villains in the country's opioid crisis by activists who point to their lack of remorse and long-running efforts to shield their wealth while maintaining a lavish lifestyle. Their role in the epidemic was spotlighted in Hulu's miniseries "Dopesick."

A half-million Americans have died from opioids over the past two decades, a toll that includes victims of prescription painkillers like OxyContin and Vicodin and illicit drugs such as heroin and

fentanyl. "Everyday this goes on, we lose all of these people," said Lynn Wencus, of Wrentham, Massachusetts, whose son Jeff died of an overdose in 2017. "If states use the money the way it's supposed to be, then we will be saving lives."

It bothers her that more money won't end up in the hands of the families, but she also knows nothing would make up for what she and so many others have lost.

"Even if I got a billion dollars, it's not going to bring back my son," she said.

In one of the hardest-fought provisions in the settlement, the Sacklers will be protected from future opioid lawsuits. While they weren't given immunity from criminal charges, there have been no indications they will face any.

Allowing the Sacklers to avoid any more lawsuits or jail time is a dangerous message to send to the pharmaceutical industry or any other business, said activists who have fought for Purdue owners and company officials to be charged with crimes.

"What makes me most angry is they're getting away with it," said Tim Kramer, of Waterford Township, Michigan. "They've got more money than God, so it's not going to hurt them. I'd like to see them go

to prison, and a regular prison, not

one of those resort prisons." His common law wife, LeeRae

Conn, was 46 when she overdosed in 2018. He found out she was addicted soon after they met a decade earlier.

"No matter what she did, no matter what I did, she couldn't get off it," he said. "She tried."

Sackler family members have never unequivocally offered an apology, but on Thursday issued a statement of regret about the toll of OxyContin.

The settlement comes more than two years after the Stamford, Connecticut-based company filed for bankruptcy while facing some 3,000 lawsuits that accused it of fueling the crisis by aggressively pushing sales of its signature painkiller.

An earlier settlement fell apart last year, but this time the Sacklers agreed to add another \$1 billion and accepted other terms.

"It's money, but there's still no accountability," said Liz Fitzgerald, of Southington, Connecticut, who said she wanted to hear a public apology.

She lost two adult sons, who first used OxyContin in high school, to overdoses in 2013 and 2017.

"My three children have lost two brothers, and I think that a lot more needs to be done to support families because of the traumatic PTSD. They just destroyed our lives," she said.

"I have a granddaughter who lost her dad. No money in the world is going to bring back her dad," Fitzgerald said. "How do you tell a 10-year child that your dad's gone and not even understanding addiction? It's just horrific."

Associated Press writers Geoff Mulvihill and Susan Haigh contributed to this report.

CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Dems looking to keep pandemic voting rules

Bill would allow COVID to be cited for absentee ballots in November

By Daniela Altimari Hartford Courant

Democratic lawmakers are seeking to keep COVID-19 voting rules in place for the November election.

Senate Bill 184 would allow voters to obtain an absentee ballot by citing the pandemic as a reason that they cannot go to the polls in person. Such a rule was first enacted prior to the 2020 election in response to the coronavirus

"The COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing, and we simply don't know when another variant will emerge, how fast it will spread, how severe it will be, or when it will peak," Secretary of the State Denise Merrill told members of the legislature's government administration and elections committee Friday.

"Voters voting in this fall's elections should be allowed to choose to vote by absentee ballot if they desire and should not be forced into a potential choice between their health and their right to vote,"

Merrill said.

But during a lengthy hearing on the bill Friday, some Republicans expressed opposition to the measure. Rep. Gale Mastrofrancesco, R-Wolcott, said she views the bill as an end-run around the state Constitution, which stipulates absentee ballots can only be obtained under certain conditions. A constitutional amendment to allow for no-excuse absentee ballots could come before the voters in 2024.

"We are just kind of creating no-excuse absentee ballot[s]," Mastrofrancesco said.

Friday's public hearing drew dozens of people, many of whom waited on Zoom for hours to speak about the proposal.

"We all want to put COVID behind us and get back to normal," said Aaron Goode, a member of the New Haven Votes coalition. "But we don't know if or when there will be another variant that's going to upend our plans. For many Connecticut residents who are immunocompromised, there is no new normal and there won't be. SB 184 is a way of showing you care about our brothers and sisters who are in those high-risk groups and it's a contingency plan for the rest of us?

Opponents of the measure said they are worried that an increase in absentee balloting could lead to voter fraud, despite offering no proof. "The COVID-19 pandemic is clearly over by public health data and hospitalization rates," Linda Dalessio, a nurse practitioner from Wolcott, told the committee. "Connecticut does not have specific checks and balances in place that would protect against voter fraud."

The committee is expected to vote on the measure later this

A difference of opinion on access at legislature dubbed 'an absurdity'

By Mark Pazniokas CT Mirror

The House and Senate Democratic majorities diverged sharply and awkwardly this week on questions of COVID-19 and public access to a state Capitol that has been largely closed for nearly two

At the order of House Speaker Matt Ritter, D-Hartford, and with the support of House Minority Leader Vincent J. Candelora, R-North Branford, lobbyists and other petitioners once again could make their cases to House

The second floor of the Capitol, where the House resides, was open and its hallways lined by lobbyists, representatives of unions and nonprofits, and one woman handing out flyers opposed to legalizing assisted suicide.

"The building functions better when people are there to provide information," Ritter said.

The third-floor home of the Senate was closed and its halls museum-quiet, a rule that pairs of blazer-clad security officers enforced from landings at the midpoint of stairways between the floors.

"We are now seeing, in my opinion, an absurdity," Candelora said. 'This process is the people's business, and we need to go beyond Zooming and allow for the discussion and conversation in person we had in the past."

Following the latest guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the House made the wearing of masks optional in the chamber. But with the Senate in disagreement, masks were required in all public spaces outside the chamber.

There was no visible partisan divide on masks in the House on Wednesday. Only a few lawmakers wore them, including one whose immune system is compromised by a kidney transplant.

Upstairs, Senate President Pro Tem Martin M. Looney, D-New Haven, said the continued precautions reflect the consensus of the Senate Democratic majority

One member tested positive after the opening day of the session on Feb. 9 and another this week,

"Our primary concern is trying to do everything we can to make sure we don't go off the rails with an outbreak of illness, because we have a very finite amount of time in order to get through the session. We're three weeks into a 12-week session," Looney said.

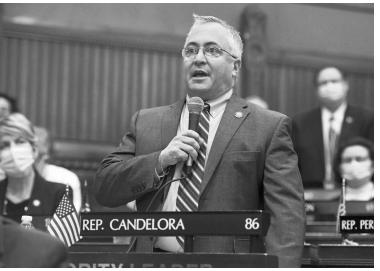
The Senate is not alone in requiring masks: Stores still are free to require them, though there is no statewide mandate and few local ones

"I think it's prudent to wear masks," Looney said. "We have run into problems in the past when we have underestimated this disease."

But the differing rules on public access on different floors may be

The public is free to traverse the 1st and 2nd floors, where House leaders, Gov. Ned Lamont, Secretary of the State Denise Merrill and the state auditors of public accounts have offices.

In the Legislative Office Build-



House Minority Leader Vincent Candelora, R-North Branford, speaks during opening session at the state Capitol on Feb. 9 in Hartford. JESSICA HILL/AP

ing, the cafeteria is reopening, providing not only food but a gathering place. Public hearings still are conducted by Zoom, but committee meetings now can be held in person at the discretion of the chairs.

"I agree with what the House did," said Senate Minority Leader Kevin Kelly, R-Stratford. "It's time. The people need to be back in the building. The process needs to open itself up.

Looney and Ritter held a joint in-person press conference

Wednesday on the first floor on their shared support of expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit, but they remain at odds on COVID precautions.

Ritter said he and Looney remain on cordial terms, despite the Upstairs, Downstairs dynamic.

"Marty and I have a very strong relationship," Ritter said.

Mark Pazniokas is a reporter for The Connecticut Mirror (https:// ctmirror.org/). Copyright 2022 © The Connecticut Mirror.

Gang member gets 17 years in 'brazen' assassination attempt

By Edmund H. Mahony Hartford Courant

A 25-year-old gang member who riddled a parked car with bullets in a midday assassination attempt outside a busy Bridgeport courthouse was sentenced to more than 17 years in prison Friday after being convicted of a variety of federal racketeering crimes.

Federal prosecutors said Marquis Isreal and other members of a gang built around public housing projects on Bridgeport's north side pumped at least 20 shots into the car contain-

ing four members of a rival gang in January 2020 in retaliation for the killing of a north side gangster by one of the rivals the night before.

The attack left 23 bullet holes in just the front windshield of the parked Chevrolet. The four victims were hit, two seriously. One was paralyzed and a second victim sustained multiple gunshot wounds to his back, shoulder and wrist, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors asked U.S. District Judge Janet Bond Arterton for a stiff sentence in court and in a long legal memo detailing an continuing investigation of extraordinary gang

and drug violence in Bridgeport. "The brazenness of the defendant's conduct here - firing dozens of rounds into a parked car with four passengers inside, steps away from a busy courthouse on a Monday afternoon; burning the car after the shooting; his lack of remorse exhibited by filming the "Person of Interest" YouTube rap video after attempting to kill four people; his continued criminal conduct including dealing drugs and promoting violence up until his arrest and detention on federal charges; and his general glorification of violence and promotion of the gang lifestyle all warrant such a sentence," the prosecutors wrote in the memo.

They said Isreal, also known as "Garf" or "Gbaby," is a member of the Original North End gang based in the Trumbull Gardens area of Bridgeport whose members sold narcotics, laundered money, robbed drug dealers, stole cars from inside and outside Connecticut and used them to commit crimes.

The north side gang and its allies waged war against rivals on the city's east and west sides for three years until a federal task force shut it down in the summer of 2020. federal prosecutors said.

Prior to the courthouse assassination attempt, prosecutor said one of the victims shot and seriously wounded Isreal.

He has been incarcerated since his arrest in August 2020. He pleaded guilty to attempted murder and aiding and abetting, and one count of conspiracy to commit murder, both federal racketeering offenses, according to federal offi-

Play online every day at PlayJumble.com

Jumble Daily | Jumble Crossword Daily | Jumble Sunday Sudoku | Mahjong | Bubble Shooter Pro | Plus many more

TRIBUNE



Get more out of your subscription by setting up your digital account

- More articles than what's in print
- Breaking News alerts with the mobile app Unlimited access to our website
- eNewspaper, a digital replica of the paper emailed daily

It's easy to start your online access!

Visit: go-activate.com



OPEN HOUSE Clover Gardens 846 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105 Wednesday, March 9th, 2022, from 3pm - 6pm

Studio & 1 Bedroom Apartments available immediately starting at \$800/mth! **Rent Special - 2 months free rent. **Applicants must meet certain income requirements.

For more information call: (860) 904-7637/TDD: (800) 842-9710

Professionally Managed by: Konover Residential Corporation This is an equal opportunity provider and employer.





CELEBRITIES

Kunis, Kutcher raise Ukraine funds

From news services

Actors Mila Kunis and husband Ashton Kutcher have launched a \$30 million GoFundMe fundraiser to support the "proud and brave" Ukrainians on the ground of the besieged country, with plans to match donations up to \$3 million.

"Proud Ukrainian"
Kunis — who was born
in Chernivtsi, Ukraine,
and whose family immigrated to the U.S. in 1991 —
deplored Russia's "unjust
attack" on the European
nation and "humanity at
large." She said that their
philanthropic work is
meant to make "an immediate impact on refugee
and humanitarian aid
efforts."

"Our family is starting this fund to help provide immediate support, and we will be matching up to \$3 million," the actor said on the fundraiser page, echoing the sentiment in a YouTube video in which she appeared alongside Kutcher.

The actors' Stand With Ukraine fundraiser, which launched Thursday afternoon, had already received more than 9,500 donations and raised nearly \$3.4 million by early Friday.

The celebrity couple has partnered with global logistics experts Flexport. org to organize shipments of relief supplies to refugee sites in Ukraine's neighboring countries Poland, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia and Moldova. They also tapped vacation rental company Airbnb, in which Kutcher was an early investor, to provide free, short-term housing to Ukrainian refugees.

In a Thursday tweet launching the campaign, Kutcher added, "Standing with Ukraine means supporting Ukrainians."

Lady Gaga, Rock, Kravitz among Oscars presenters: Lady Gaga might have



Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher have launched a fundraiser to support Ukrainians. MATT WINKELMEYER/GETTY 2021

missed out on an Oscar nomination for her turn in "House of Gucci," but she'll still be gracing the stage at the Dolby Theatre on March 27. Gaga will be one of the presenters at the 94th Oscars, show producers Will Packer and Shayla Cowan said Thursday.

Others set to present awards include Kevin Costner, Chris Rock, Zoe Kravitz, Rosie Perez and Youn Yuh-jung, winner of the supporting actress award last year for "Minari."

Regina Hall, Amy Schumer and Wanda Sykes are hosting the show that will be broadcast on ABC.

Jackson, Minaj, Hart set to headline Essence: Janet Jackson, Kevin

Janet Jackson, Kevin Hart and Nicki Minaj are among the headliners announced Thursday for this year's Essence Festival of Culture, which returns to New Orleans after a two-year hiatus brought on by the coronavirus pandemic.

Others tapped to entertain June 30 through July 3 include New Edition, The Isley Brothers, Jazmine Sullivan, Summer Walker, The Roots & Friends and D-Nice & Friends, Essence Communications Inc. said in a news release.

Launched in 1995, the festival has grown into the world's largest celebration of Black women, culture and communities, convening more than 530,000 people annually, the company statement said.

March 5 birthdays: Actor Paul Sand is 90. Actor James B. Sikking is 88. Actor Fred Williamson is 84. Actor Samantha Eggar is 83. Actor Michael Warren is 76. Actor Marsha Warfield is 68. Magician Penn Jillette is 67. Actor Eva Mendes is 48. Actor Jolene Blalock is 47. Actor Karolina Wydra is 41. Actor Micah Fowler is 24.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

askamy@amydickinson.com Twitter@askingamy

Friendship suffers due to risky behavior

Dear Amy: A few days after Christmas this year, a friend stopped by our house with her husband and her sister.

Knowing that they were all vaccinated and boosted, we invited them in and enjoyed their company.

The next morning, I received a text that my friend had a high fever and that the other two had scratchy throats.

Sure enough, those three and I tested positive for COVID-19. My husband and I immediately quarantined. I was most concerned about her, due to underlying health issues.

One afternoon, I checked in to see how she was feeling. That morning she'd had a temp of 100.5, and her sister was feeling worse.

To my shock and disbelief, the sisters were just returning from getting manicures and pedicures.

When I questioned this, she brushed it off saying, "Oh, it was fine. We wore masks, they wore masks." I hung up feeling

stunned that they could be so reckless that they would endanger others for something so vain.

How do they know if the people who worked on them lived with high-risk family members or children too young to receive the vaccination?

Right now, I have little desire to continue the friendship, however, we interact with a group online weekly, and I'm not sure I want to give that up.

I should share my feelings with her, but I'm afraid that in my anger and disgust that I'd say something I may regret. I don't like feeling

this way, and I want this pandemic to end!

— Doing my Part

Dear Doing my Part: We all want the pandemic to end. When it does, our collec-

tive health will be more secure, and we will also be spared learning some unpleasant truths about the people around us. The situation you

describe falls squarely into the category of: When someone reveals who they are, believe them.
Your friend was flouting

common sense for any ill person (don't go out and about when you have a fever). This was common courtesy before the pandemic, and it is even more important, now.

She was also presumably violating whatever mandates have been put in place to try to slow the spread of the virus.

But this lack of regard for the health and safety of service workers, reveals a selfishness and — an overall lack of grace.

You can express your point of view to her, and pay attention to her response.

Don't give up your online group because of this; if she is too uncomfortable, let her drop out.

Dear Amy: After being widowed, I have finally met a nice man.
Unfortunately, he is a

poor conversationalist. He talks nonstop and doesn't take a breath — or even a pause — to allow me to "interrupt."

He talks about his past, his large family, people he used to know years ago, and he doesn't seem to want to know about me at all.

I have told him that he should allow me to be a part of the conversation, but he just keeps talking.

Do you think there is a way to get him to change? He is 76, and I don't want to spend any more

time with him if he doesn't want to change. Help!

— Left Out

Dear Left Out: Even though it comes off as a total self-focus, compulsive talking can be a sign of social anxiety, ADHD or another medical issue.

Most of us become more set in our ways as we age, and I'd say that if this man is fascinated by you and committed to be in a relationship with you, he would do his darndest to alter his behavior to let you in. You should be honest with him about the impact of his behavior on you.

Ask him to see his GP or a mental health practitioner, and then you should probably keep looking for a partner who is also a good listener.

Dear Amy: Thank you for noticing that "Concerned Father" was trying to control his overspending son and his wife through buying a house for them.

This concerned father's comment that his young granddaughter had too many pair of underwear (37!) was both icky ... and revealing.

– A Fan

Dear Fan: Yes, I also believed that this was a particularly telling detail.

Copyright 2022 by Amy Dickinson

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

MUSIC

Tears for Fears plumbs 'depths of our souls' writing new songs

By Mark Kennedy Associated Press

Creating the first Tears for Fears album of new material in 17 years didn't initially go too well.

The duo went into the studio with an array of songwriters to try to tease out a modern hit single. But the musicians ended up with a bunch of songs that sounded like they were trying to write a modern hit single.

"We don't like choosing something for the sake of sounding contemporary. It irritates us," says Roland Orzabal, half of the duo. Adds his bandmate, Curt Smith: "If it has no depth, it has no meaning to me."

They took the songs that worked and then went back to basics — just two men and two acoustic guitars, like they'd done when they were teens — and eventually emerged "The Tipping Point," a 10-track set that combines their trademark pop writing with thoughtful lyrics.

"There's something about Tears for Fears that's very special," says Smith, 60. "If it's not kind of working, then it's not working. When it does, there's an absolute joy in that."

The new songs include
"Break the Man," a celebration of women and a
call to end patriarchy, and
"My Demons," an examination of violent extremism. The title track is a
heart-wrenching song
about watching a loved
one drift into dementia,
inspired by the experience
of Orzabal's first wife.

"The thing I like about this thing — I'm most proud about — is that we've managed to really, really plumb the depths of our souls and revealed the suffering," says Orzabal, 60. "It's so emotional that I can't actually listen to it."



'The Tipping Point' Tears for Fears (Concord Records)

The duo made its mark among the first wave of electronica that ruled the early 1980s airwaves, with hits like "Mad World," "Pale Shelter," "Everybody Wants to Rule the World" and "Shout." Each album — "The Hurting," "Songs From the Big Chair" and "The Seeds of Love" — was more ambitious than the last, revealing Orzabal and Smith's influences, such as Pink Floyd, Steely Dan and Little Feat. Unlike many of their '80s peers, they went to an emotional place, exploring depression, isolation, anxiety and insecurity.

"We also were musically ambitious. A lot of our heroes were exceptional musicians and intelligent people, intelligent artists — Peter Gabriel, Paul Simon, David Bowie. We have never felt like we have ever, ever measured up to them, but that's fine because there's lots of space below—the subgenius space," says Orzabal, laughing.

"What we've combined is great, great pop songs with slightly subversive lyrics," he adds. "Every generation comes along and discovers 'The Hurting,' and it means something to them because that's what they're going through. And what I love about this album is for me. I think we've come full circle."

For "The Tipping Point," the musicians kept five songs from their aborted songwriting sessions and holed up in Smith's Los Angeles house to write the rest, with their first track, "No Small Thing," setting the stage. It starts as a simple folk song that builds and deepens into driving rock song, teetering on madness.

"We kind of understood that this had to have a story, had to have a flow, and then we went around filling in the blanks, basically," says Smith. He liked the end result, something

that surprised even him.
"I just didn't think there was anything missing. By the end of it, when I got to the end of that 10 songs, I'm like, 'I'm happy now. I'm satisfied.' That's the best feeling to have when you leave a studio."

The album's last song
— a reworking of "Stay,"
which first appeared on
the duo's 2017 greatest hits
album — is about someone
caught in two minds: "Stay,
don't stay/ Go, don't go/
It's all or nothing."

It's all or nothing."
Smith wrote it at a time when he was contemplating leaving Tears for Fears, and it evokes "the sadness that you feel if you've got to leave something that's been a huge part of your life behind," he said. "I'm painfully aware that the work we do together is way above what we can do individually."

The duo's path has not always been smooth, but time has revealed some working truths they've learned — let your ego go and connect with your heart. As for the future, that's up in the air.

that's up in the air.
"We've definitely
unlocked something,
whether that something
will exist in the future or
develop, we really don't
know," Orzabal says.

HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19): Healing energy can fill you today. A guardian angel could emerge to help boost you along, whether in the form of another person or just some meaningful inspiration. If something has been holding you down, let this positive energy help you release it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): A community could bring some unexpected opportunities your way. Check in with other Whether face-to-face or online, this is a wonderful day to do a bit of socializing! Instead of hiding yourself away, try to initiate some fun — even with something as simple as a new status update.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): A career coup might offer itself up to you today! If you've been chugging away at a project, then you may finally receive proper recognition and even a nice reward for all your hard work, so don't be shy when it comes to blowing your own horn. You deserve to make some noise.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You can set your sights further than normal. Do something to broaden your world, whether that means cracking open a book on a new subject or trying something fresh, like a different restaurant with cuisine you've never tried on offer. It could wind up changing your life! Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Life could offer up some rather intense moments today, but that doesn't have to be a bad thing. Some hot-button issues should help you see the positive side of life. You could encounter a potential financial windfall or grow much closer to someone. It's safe to say whatever it is will be hard to miss so get ready!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
A particular person could be the cornerstone to your success today. While you might prefer to carry your own weight and trust in your own abilities, it's OK to share the load right now! A new face could show up to completely change your life. Try not to be antisocial or you might miss out.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Successful change has to start in your mind. You have a chance to get serious about your health, and make sure your efforts aren't going to waste. Think about signing up for a workout class or setting up a cleaner diet — but make sure your goals are attainable.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This could turn out to be one of the loveliest days you've experienced in some time. Don't sit back and let this chance pass you by. This could take the form of a friendly rendezvous, or perhaps a chance at the spotlight. As long as you put in the effort, you can get what you want.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Home is where the heart is! Even if you've been spending more time than you would care to under your own roof, it should be a more enjoyable than before. Try to bring in some flair, whether that means new decorations or hosting a small get-together. Even just watching

movies on the couch.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Small talk can lead to big results at this time. Make an effort to talk to people today and see what's happening in your local neighborhood! A stupendous opportunity could present itself if you do. Even just going for a walk around the block may inspire wonderful changes.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's a fabulous day to make it rain! A lovely payout could make itself available, or perhaps you'll find a deal that is impossible to ignore. You can spend a bit more freely, so give yourself permission to do with your spare cash as you see fit. Sometimes splurging is worth it!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You're likely going to be riding high today, Pisces! It's a special time, helping you feel like a million dollars and ready to tackle the world! If any problems have been weighing on you, this is a good time to and take them down. Some truly powerful luck is on your side.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On March 5,1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers opened fire, killing five people.

In 1946, Winston Churchill delivered his "Iron

Curtain" speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri.

In 1953, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin died after three decades in power.

In 1963, country music performers Patsy Cline, Cowboy Copas and Hawkshaw Hawkins died in the crash of their plane, a Piper Comanche, near Camden, Tennessee. **In 1982,** John Belushi was found dead of a drug overdose; he was 33.

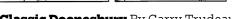
said enough water was in the loose soil of the moon to support a lunar base.

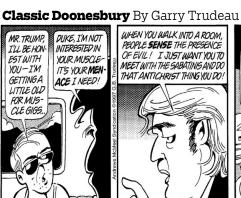
In 1998, NASA scientists

In 2004, Martha Stewart was convicted of lying to the government about why she'd unloaded her Imclone stock just before the price plummeted.

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz









IN THE NINETEENTH CHAPTER OF THE BOOK OF MATTHEW IT SAYS,"...MANY THAT ARE

LAST FIRS

WILL BE LAST, AND



I'LL BET MATTHEW DIDN'T HAVE AN OLDER SISTER!

Garfield By Jim Davis

MR. TRUMP

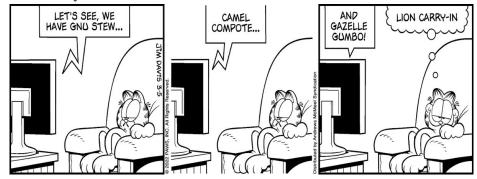
I'LL BEHON

EST WITH

GETTING A

LITTLE OLD

CLE GIGS.



Shoe By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly





Dustin By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker





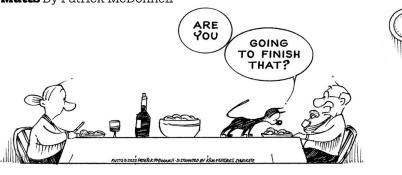
Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis



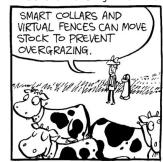




Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



Arctic Circle By Alex Hallatt







3.5

Jump Start By Robb Armstrong



Get Fuzzy By Darby Conley







ALREADY

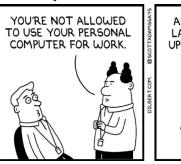


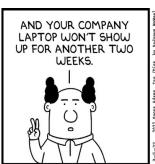
Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall





Dilbert By Scott Adams



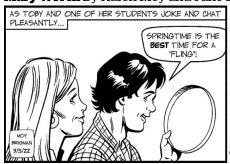




Gil Thorp By Neal Rubin and Frank McLaughlin



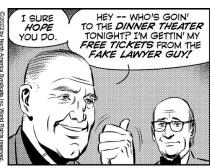
Mary Worth By Karen Moy and June Brigman





Rex Morgan, M.D. By Terry Beatty





Judge Parker By Woody Wilson and Mike Manley





Baldo By Cantu and Castellanos

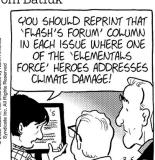






Funky Winkerbean By Tom Batiuk



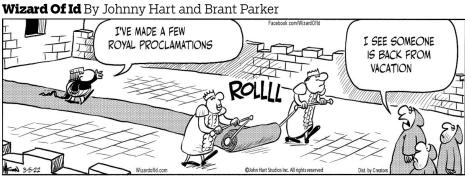








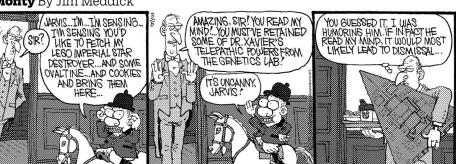




Rhymes With Orange By Hilary Price



Monty By Jim Meddick



For Better Or For Worse By Lynn Johnston



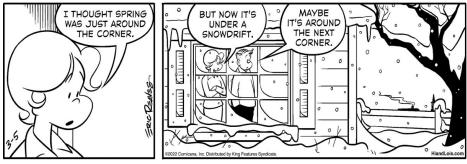
B.C. By Hart



Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker



Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne



Hagar The Horrible By Chris Browne





Non Sequitur By Wiley Miller





Jurtis by Ray billingsiey









Pickles By Brian Crane



Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady and Don Wimmer



Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



CROSSWORD

EDITED BY RICH NORRIS AND JOYCE NICHOLS LEWIS

-	DITED BY MONTHOLIMS A	10.	O TOE THO HOLD LE
Across 1 "Broad City"	by Donovan and John Denver	4	Computer support provide
co-creator	51 Stuff	5	Eventually learn
Jacobson	53 Powerful ruler		to live in
5 Goya's "Duchess	56 Some game	6	Bank barrier
of"	pieces	7	Like some locks
9 Edit, in a way	58 Major Southeast	8	Buenos
14 Coin collector	Asian financial	9	Short albums,
15 Hero's home	hub		for short
16 Foot specialists?	60 Prefix	10	Knock about
17 Became	suggesting		Drone product

unpopular One-piece 61 Neutral shade dresses "Ella Enchanted" 62 20 Rendered less villain valuable

2 Alliance

3 "Nonsense!"

22 Kunis who Class" painter voices Meg on 64 Ditch "Family Guy" 65 Take to __:

23 Turned blue? 25 Olympic Down gymnast

Raisman with six medals 26 Brings under control

28 Show dissatisfaction with 30 Throw on

31 Word with engine or pipe 35 Target division Nana's

babysitting observation. perhaps 39 "Rizzoli & Isles" actress

Alexander 40 He surpassed Ruth

41 10, at times: Abbr. 42 Brownstone

features 44 It's often iced 46 Quite a long

47 First word of #1 titles

time

suggesting thrift 11 Drone product 12 2014 drama that earned Julianne

Moore a Best Actress Oscar 63 "The Dance 13 Final, maybe 18 Dove output

21 It breaks every morning criticize 24 Annual

salutation "Old Fashioned" Soundless Campbell's soup speech syst. 27 Icky-sounding

snack 29 Smashed

30 Analyzed in er detail

ns 32 National Mall tree 33 Nabokov

novel 34 Short creator?

37 Discovery word

38 Body-building routine

43 "How ya doin'?"

45 Spout spot 48 Bouquets

49 Stay on 50 "The Dance II" artist Matisse

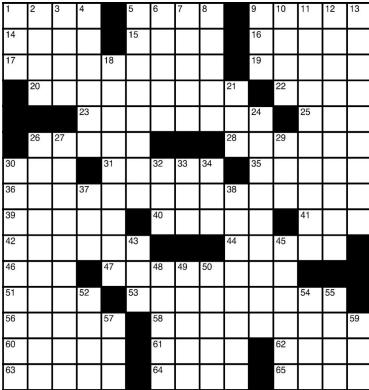
"Aladdin" star Massoud

54 __ party

55 Goes off

57 Brand name that looks like it has a missing period

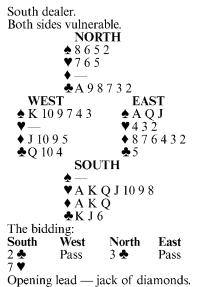
59 "Mouse in the house!"



BRIDGE

By Agnes Davidson and C.C. Burnikel

BY STEVE BECKER



Test your prowess

A reader sent this deal, on which he bid and made seven hearts. North's three-club bid guaranteed the ace, so South bid seven hearts straightaway.

It's not easy to see how South made the grand slam, and if you'd like to test your prowess, stop reading right here.

Declarer ruffs the diamond lead in dummy, then ruffs a spade, a diamond, a spade, another diamond and another spade. He then plays three rounds of

trump, producing this position: North [S]8 [C]A98 West East [S] K [D]876 [C] Q 10 4 [C]5 South [H]J [C] KJ6

South now leads his last trump, whereupon West is squeezed. If he discards the king of spades, dummy's

TODAY'S SUDOKU

eight becomes a trick; if he discards a club, declarer's third club becomes good. Either way, South makes the grand slam.

Tribune Content Agency 3/5/22

It might seem excessively dramatic to trump the A-K-Q of diamonds in dummy, but if declarer fails to do this, he cannot make the grand slam.

The purpose of the spade ruffs is to exhaust one defender of that suit and so place the burden of guarding against dummy's fourth spade on the other defender.

If that defender also has three (or four) clubs including the queen, he will not be able to discard successfully.

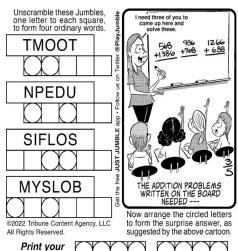
Nothing can be lost by this maneuver, though it will prove to be useless if the spades are divided 5-4.

In that case, South can always fall back on a favorable club division and will be no worse off for having given himself an extra chance for the contract. Two chances are

better than one.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



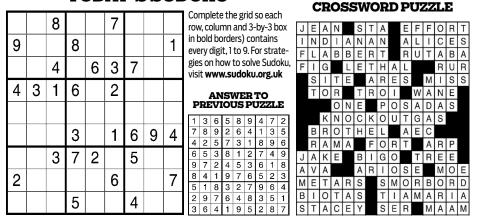
AROMA

SNITCH

INDUCT

Answer: The pastor had prepared a sermon for the church service and was ready to - ADMINISTER IT **ANSWER TO PREVIOUS**

Jumbles: ICIER





Hartford Courant

SPORTS

COURANT.COM/SPORTS

UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

'We're a different team'

UConn ready to open the postseason with something to prove in Big East Tournament

By Dom Amore Hartford Courant

UNCASVILLE — The prelude is past, the postseason is here. The UConn women's basketball team may not be in its familiar position, poised for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament and considered the team to beat, but the Huskies are embracing their position as dangerous underdogs.

"We're a different team [than earlier in the season]," UConn senior Christyn Williams said. "I feel like a lot of teams are sleeping on us because we're not the same as we were way back then, but that's fine. We're going to play with chip on our shoulder and prove ourselves. We're not going to talk about it, we're going to go out there and let everybody see for themselves."

"Way back then," as a team depleted by injury, UConn lost to South Carolina, Louisville, Georgia Tech and Oregon by Jan. 17. Since then, UConn has won 13 of 14 games. The Huskies the only loss came against Villanova, who could be a major obstacle as the No.

2 seed in the Big East Tournament, the first stop in March Madness. UConn faces No. 9 Georgetown, a 68-55 winner over Providence in Friday's first round, in the quarterfinals Saturday at noon.

"Everybody has grown in their confidence," Williams said. "We went through a stretch where everybody was kind of in a funk and we only had six or seven people. Now, I feel like everyone is flourishing because we have our original team back."

ŪConn, the No. 1 seed after winning the conference regular-season title with a 16-1 record,

Turn to UConn, Page 4



Paige Bueckers' workload will be ramped up this weekend in the Big East Tournament. She missed more than two months with an injury. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Big East Tournament

First round, Friday

No. 9 Georgetown 68, No. 8 Providence 55 No. 7 St. John's 76, No. 10 Xavier 69 No. 6 Seton Hall 58, No. 11 Butler 39 **Quarterfinals**,

No. 6 Seton Hall 58, No. 11 Butler 39 **Quarterfinals, Saturday** No. 1 UConn vs. No. 9 Georgetown, noon, F

Georgetown, noon, FS1 No. 4 DePaul vs. No. 5 Marquette, 2:30 p.m., FS2 No. 2 Villanova vs. No. 7 St. John's, 7 p.m., FS2 No. 3 Creighton vs. No. 6 Seton Hall, 9:30 p.m., FS2 Semifinals Sunday; Championship Monday, 8 p.m.

CELTICS

Patience pays off

By staying the course with coach Udoka, Celtics have surged into title contention

By Gary WashburnBoston Globe

BOSTON — What Ime Udoka won't do despite the ability to send a bunch of "I Told You So" letters to several critics, is bask in the glory of the Celtics' current run or his Eastern Conference Coach of the Month Award.

He received the award hours before the Celtics defeated the surging Memphis Grizzlies 120-107 at TD Garden, a game that was considered a stern test for a Boston club that has spent most of its ascension beating lesser teams.

The past two games against the Atlanta Hawks, who had beaten the Celtics twice this season, and the Grizzlies were supposed to determine whether Boston is a serious contender. The Celtics passed those tests easily.

In the third quarter of each game, following halftime adjustments from Udoka, the Celtics held their opponents to 15 for 44 shooting and just 40 points. Those maneuvers allowed the Celtics to take control of both games and cruise to critical victories.

With 20 wins in 26 games, the Celtics have surged to fifth in the Eastern Conference with 17 games left, thanks to Udoka's coaching, patience, and unwavering insistence on changing years of middling habits. And that process was not going to conclude neatly in training camp, with the Celtics ready to take on the world opening night

Boston took its lumps in the first three months, blew at least a dozen games, was besieged by injuries and COVID-19 protocol, mental lapses, and poor shooting nights. Yet, in the past 15 games, in which the Celtics are 13-2, they have played like a championship contender, or at least a team determined to win more than just a playoff round.

Turn to Celtics, Page 2

Up next



Nets at Celtics1 p.m. Sun., ABC

INSIDE

Knicks' pursuit of Jalen Brunson could benefit from the Mavericks' crowded (and expensive) backcourt. **Page 2**

UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Looking for a legacy



In one of the highlights of their UConn careers, R.J. Cole (2) and Tyrese Martin celebrated a huge basket by Cole in a 71-69 upset of Villanova on Feb. 22. Cole, Martin and fellow seniors Isaiah Whaley, Tyler Polley and Matt Garry will be honored as the Huskies wrap up the regular season Saturday against DePaul. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIALTO THE COURANT**

■ For a closer look at the departing Huskies, see **Page 4**

Seniors want a strong finish to season, starting with regular-season finale vs. DePaul

By Shreyas Laddha Hartford Courant

The UConn men's basketball team can't afford a lapse in effort in its last regular-season game.

The Huskies face DePaul on a Senior Night Saturday at Gampel Pavilion coming off a 64-62 loss at Creighton on Wednesday night.

UConn coach Dan Hurley knows his team can't take the matchup against a Blue Demon team that has one three straight lightly. DePaul is currently ninth in the conference standings.

"The fundamentals a lot of times have slipped with this team," he said. "When we stray from our identity we are as vulnerable as any team in this league. If we don't defend, we aren't good enough on the offensive end to mitigate that. When we don't play maniacally hard, we aren't very good."

Before the game, UConn will honor its five seniors: R.J. Cole, Tyrese Martin, Isaiah Whaley, Tyler Polley and Matt Garry. Whaley and Polley actually graduated last year but took advantage of the chance to return for one more season that was granted due to COVID.

"I don't want to be emotional," Hurley said. "Overall, as a group, these guys are great. They mean so much to this program, too. I'm incredibly proud. These are as fine a [group of] young men as you will ever coach."

The seniors just want to get the

"We are really just focused on the next game especially coming off a loss," Whaley said. "We want to make sure we are really locked in. They are a really athletic and talented team. They get overlooked by their record."

For the No. 18 Huskies (21-8, 12-6 Big East), seeding in the Big East tournament is at stake. If they win and Creighton loses to Seton Hall on Saturday, they will be the No. 3. If the Bluejays win the Huskies will be the four seed. The No. 3 seed plays at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday at Madison Square Garden, while the

Turn to Huskies, Page 4

Up next



DePaul at UConn 5 p.m., FOX

Safety Tip of the Day When using a ladder - keep both hands free for climbing. Tools

R&D

RisCassi & Davis

injured for more than 60 years

Protecting the rights of the

When using a ladder - keep both hands free for climbing. Tools and equipment should be brought up in a tool belt, not carried by hand.

riscassi-davis.com

131 Oak Street • Hartford, Connecticut

860.522.1196 • 800.344.5297

UP NEXT

UConn MBB: DePaul (Gampel), Saturday, 5 p.m.; Big East Quarterfinal vs. TBD, Thursday, time TBD; Big East Semifinal (if necessary) vs. TBD, Friday, 6:30 or 9 p.m.

UConn WBB: Big East Quarterfinal vs. Georgetown, Saturday, noon; Big East Semifinal (if necessary) vs. TBD, Sunday, 3 p.m.; Big East Final (if necessary) vs. TBD, Monday,

Celtics: Nets, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Hornets, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pistons, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Knicks: at Clippers, Sunday, 10 p.m.; at Kings, Monday, 10:30 p.m.; at Mavericks, Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.

Nets: at Celtics, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Hornets, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at 76ers, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

UConn hockey: Vermont, Saturday, 3 p.m.; Hockey East Opening Round vs. TBD, Wednesday, time TBD; Hockey East Quarterfinal (if necessary) vs. TBD, March 12, time

Bruins: at Blue Jackets, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Kings, Monday, 7 p.m.; Chicago, Thursday, 7 p.m. Rangers: at Jets, Sunday, 7 p.m.; at Wild, Tuesday, 8 p.m.; at Blues, Thursday, 8 p.m. Wolf Pack: Hershey, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Bridgeport, Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Lehigh Valley, March 12, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO **AUTO RACING**

2 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series Pennzoil 400, Qualifying. (Live) FS1 4:30 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Alsco Uniforms 300. (Live)

BASKETBALL

11 a.m.: Women's College: Atlantic 10 Tournament, First Semifinal. (Live)

12 p.m.: Alabama at LSU. (Live) CBS 12 p.m.: Villanova at Butler. (Live)

12 p.m.: Women's College: ACC Tournament, First Semifinal. (Live)

12 p.m.: Arkansas at Tennessee.

(Live) ESPN 12 p.m.: Virginia at Louisville. (Live)

12 p.m.: Women's College: Big East

Quarterfinal: Georgetown at UConn. (Live), FS1 12:30 p.m.: Davidson at Dayton.

(Live) USA 1 p.m.: South Carolina at Auburn.

(Live) SEC 1 p.m.: Miami at Syracuse. (Live)

1:30 p.m.: Women's College: Atlantic 10 Tournament, Second Semifinal. (Live) CBSSN

2 p.m.: Kentucky at Florida. (Live)

2 p.m.: Indiana at Purdue. (Live)

2 p.m.: NC State at Florida State. (Live) ESPN2

2:30 p.m.: Seton Hall at Creighton. (Live) FOX

2:30 p.m.: Women's College: ACC Tournament, Second Semifinal.

(Live) ACC 2:30 p.m.: Rhode Island at Saint Joseph's. (Live) USA

3 p.m.: East Carolina at Wichita State. (Live) ESPNU 3:30 p.m.: Georgia at Missouri.

(Live) SEC 3:30 p.m.: MVC Tournament, First

Semifinal (Live) CBSSN

4 p.m.: Oregon at Washington State. (Live) CBS

4 p.m.: Texas at Kansas. (Live)

4 p.m.: VCU at Saint Louis. (Live)

5 p.m.: DePaul at UConn. (Live) FOX **5 p.m.:** Women's College: SEC Tournament, First Semifinal. (Live)

6 p.m.: North Carolina at Duke. (Live) ACC ESPN

6 p.m.: Vanderbilt at Ole Miss. (Live)

6 p.m.: MVC Tournament, Second Semifinal: (Live) CBSSN 6 p.m.: Iowa State at Baylor. (Live)

7 p.m.: Georgetown at Xavier. (Live)

7:30 p.m.: Women's College: SEC Tournament, Second Semifinal, (Live) ESPNU 8:30 p.m.: Warriors at Lakers. (Live)

8:30 p.m.: Mississippi State at Texas

A&M. (Live) SEC 8:30 p.m.: Boise State at Colorado State. (Live) CBSSN

8:30 p.m.: OVC Tournament, Championship: (Live) ESPN2

9:30 p.m.: Colorado at Utah. (Live)

9 p.m.: St. John's at Marquette.

10 p.m.: USC at UCLA. (Live) ESPN 10:30 p.m.: San Diego State at Nevada. (Live) CBSSN

10:30 p.m.: WCC Tournament. (Live) ESPN2 11 p.m.: UNLV at New Mexico. (Live)

GOLF 12:30 p.m.: Arnold Palmer

Invitational, Third Round. (Live) **GOLF**

2:30 p.m.: Arnold Palmer Invitational, Third Round. (Live) NBC HOCKEY

12:30 p.m.: Blues at Islanders. (Live) SPRTNET NHL 3 p.m.: Blackhawks at Flyers. (Live)

3 p.m.: College: Vermont at UConn.

(Live), WCCT

7 p.m.: Bruins at Blue Jackets. (Live),

PATRIOTS

Source: Split is likely for CB Jackson, team

By Karen Guregian Boston Herald

BOSTON — The Patriots have engaged in talks with J.C. Jackson's camp this week, but they're heading toward a split in free agency, a league source told the Herald.

The Pats do not plan to apply the franchise tag to Jackson and have been reticent to commit significant long-term money to their top cornerback.

It comes down to this: The team doesn't feel Jackson is worth the price of the one-year franchise tag (\$17.3 million guaranteed next season) or what it would take to secure him on a multiyear deal.

Jackson is one of the top players set to hit free agency later this month. He's been an interception machine the past few seasons,

leading the NFL in picks since he entered the league as an undrafted free agent in 2018.

It's conceivable another team will pay him elite money in the neighborhood of All-Pro Jalen Ramsey, who is making \$20 million a year with the Rams.

According to the source, the Patriots have been seeking a trade partner, but it appears they haven't found a suitable partner in a tag-and-trade scenario. If they had been able to secure better value than a third-round compensatory pick next offseason, they would have likely agreed to franchise Jackson and deal him.

It's possible that if Jackson doesn't get the money he's looking for on the market, the two sides could revisit talks. But that doesn't seem likely at this stage.

Jackson had voiced some frus-

tration to NBCSportsBoston. com last week about not hearing from the Patriots since the season ended with respect to a new deal.

"I guess they feel like they don't need me," said Jackson. "I guess I can't be that important to them. I know I am, but they're not showing me."

He's important, but not at the tag level or what the going rate is for top corners in the league.

Minus Jackson, the current group of Patriots corners consists of Jonathan Jones, Jalen Mills, Joejuan Williams, Myles Bryant and Shaun Wade.

In terms of other pending freeagent corners expected to hit the market, those include Tampa Bay's Carlton Davis, Denver's Kyle Fuller, Buffalo's Levi Wallace, LA Charger Chris Harris, along with Panther and former Patriot

Stephon Gilmore.

The Patriots have no doubt been keeping an eye on cornerbacks for the upcoming draft and have likely been scouting several prospects at the NFL's scouting combine this week. Among the top corners likely to be available where they're selecting in the first round (No. 21) are Clemson's Andrew Booth, Washington's Kyler Gordon, Florida's Kaiir Elam and Auburn's Roger McCreary.

Cornerbacks invited to the combine will be on the field for drills Sunday. Those prospects will also be doing media interviews Saturday, so it will be possible to identify some of the cornerbacks the Patriots have spoken with in Indy.

The NFL Network first reported Jackson is not expected to receive the franchise tag.

RANGERS 3. DEVILS 1

Celtics head coach Ime Udoka directs his team during the second half against the Pistons on Feb. 26 in Detroit. The Celtics have won 20 of their past 26 games. DUANE BURLESON/AP

Celtics

from Page 1

Udoka, a basketball junkie, , is

the reason for this surge. You've got to give him credit, he does a great job of staying with us," guard Marcus Smart said. "It would have been easy for him to go and be like, 'what the hell is going on with this group?' But he continued to stay a positive force, encourage us, stay on top of us, hold us accountable, and it's starting to show, rightfully so. He deserved that and we're very proud of him and we want to continue to go out and play the way he wants us to, for him."

All in the Celtics Kingdom wasn't so warm and fuzzy a few months ago. The team. with its lackadaisical stretches, fourth-quarter meltdowns, and erratic shooting, was wearing on Udoka's patience. But he also has had to adjust game plans and

By Stefan Bondy

New York Daily News

NEW YORK - Spencer

Dinwiddie's emergence with the

Mavericks presents an interesting

question as it relates to the Knicks

and their point guard dilemma:

Will Mark Cuban now allow

himself to get outbid for Jalen

Brunson is well-known in NBA

circles, but the Mavericks, push-

ing toward contention with Luka

Doncic running the show, resisted

trading their starting point guard

despite discussions, according to

Kristaps Porzingis to the Wizards

for a package that included

Dinwiddie, who is earning \$18

million next season as another

guard and ballhandler. Since that

trade, the Mavericks are 5-1 with

Dinwiddie's role steadily increas-

ing, as head coach Jason Kidd has

The Mavericks instead dealt

a league source.

The Knicks' strong interest in

strategies to get the best out of his

Udoka has become a better coach in the past few months. He has learned to adjust to the strengths and weaknesses of his roster. The Celtics aren't the most talented or deep team in the NBA. They have a lot of versatile players but not a lot of great shooters or scorers – besides Jayson Tatum

and Jaylen Brown. Udoka has turned the Celtics into a defense-first outfit that wins games with timely scoring while relying on Tatum in the clutch, such as Thursday, when he scored 21 in the fourth quarter. The defense has been the primary reason for this resurgence and defense is something Udoka said he was going to improve the day he was officially announced as head coach.

"The individual part doesn't really mean much to me," Udoka said of the Coach of the Month Award. "The main thing is it

Mavs' crowded (and expensive) backcourt

The new mix hasn't drastically

cut into Brunson's minutes yet,

but there's been a slight decrease

(for instance, he played less than

30 minutes Thursday for just

the second time in the last 20

games, with Dinwiddie subbing

out Brunson for the final 6 ½

In the bigger picture, Brunson,

25, will become an unrestricted

free agent after the season. Cuban

said the Mavericks will "do all we

can" to retain Brunson, but that

was before the Dinwiddie trade

and before Cuban committed

a \$52 million extension to Dorian

Finney-Smith. The Mavericks can

still re-sign Brunson using Bird

Rights, but they'd be deep in the

luxury tax while disproportion-

ately spending on a backcourt that

already includes Doncic (earn-

ing \$35.7 million next season),

Dinwiddie (\$18 million) and Tim

The Knicks, as constructed, are

also capped out but have enough

flexibility with short contracts

Hardaway Jr. (\$19.6 million).

Pursuit of Brunson could benefit from

minutes).

means we're playing well and that's the bottom line. You get recognition, it's a reflection on the guys; they're playing well and you have to win and play at a high level to get an award like that."

After the eight-year stint with Brad Stevens, the last two of which were difficult and his message started fading, the players said they wanted a disciplinarian, a stern coach who would not allow the slippage of the past few years. They got that in Udoka and they slowly began to adjust to his style, which has few similarities to Stevens.

"That's what really matters, that they're letting us coach them," Udoka said. "They're letting us push them and learning and growing throughout the season and kind of what we thought we'd have when we got healthy. Credit to them for allowing us to coach them hard. That's what they asked for and they've been great with it."

and future draft picks to create

space via trades. Four players

earning at least \$9 million per

year (Derrick Rose, Alec Burks,

Kemba Walker, Nerlens Noel)

can become expiring deals

next season. If signing Brunson

outright is impossible, the Knicks

could also acquire him in a sign-

Brunson, who is averaging 16

points this season while shoot-

ing over 50%, is reportedly look-

ing for a deal in the range of four

years, \$80 million. It's similar

to the deal given to Brunson's

comparison, Toronto's Fred

VanVleet, who signed for four

on seriously pursuing VanVleet

during the 2020 free agency,

and, two years later, they're still

searching for a solution at point

guard. The hole at the position

was opened further by the failed

gamble on Walker and injuries to

Rose, who remains out following a

procedure to his ankle area.

The Knicks mistakenly passed

years, \$85 million.

and-trade with the Mavericks.

Shesterkin

stops 32 as Rangers stifle Devils

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Igor Shesterkin made 32 saves, Chris Kreider and Mika Zibanejad each had a goal and assist, and the New York Rangers beat the New Jersey Devils 3-1 on Friday night.

Filip Chytil also scored for the Rangers, who won the final two games of their three-game homestand and improved to 6-1-1 in their last eight at home.

Nico Hischier scored for the Devils and Nico Daws made 29 saves. New Jersey has lost five of its last seven games.

Shesterkin made four saves on a third-period Devils power play as he earned his 27th win of the season. The Rangers improved to 19-1-3 when leading after two periods with their goalie playing a major role.

With the Rangers holding on to a 2-1 lead in the third, Zibanejad skated into the zone and sent a cross-ice pass to Kreider, who one-timed it in for his 36th of the season at 11:23. He moved two behind league scoring leader Leon Draisaitl of Edmonton and one behind Toronto's Auston Matthews.

Tied 1-1 after the first, Ryan Lindgren entered the offensive zone and left a pass for Chytil, who scored his sixth of the season at 8:57 of the second.

Shesterkin made two nice pad saves on Hischier about seven minutes into the first period and a sharp glove save on Jack Hughes on an early Devils power play a few minutes later.

Zibanejad opened the scoring when he sent a backhand past Daws for his 21st of the season at 11:11. Zibanejad has scored the first goal of a game nine times this season, second in the NHL to Detroit's Dylan

However, Hischier took advantage of a defensive breakdown by the Rangers and broke in alone and tied the game 2:45 later with his 16th of the season.

Daws made a good save on Barclay Goodrow, who broke in on a short-handed breakaway late in the first.

Notes

Hughes has played 35 games and has not taken a penalty so far this season. ... Zibanejad has points in nine of his past 12 games (six goals, seven assists). ... New York will head to Newark for the final two matchups of the season against the Devils on March 22 and April 5.

Up next

Devils: Host St. Louis on Sunday afternoon.

Rangers: Start four-game road trip at Winnipeg on

REGIONAL DIGEST

helped right the ship.

UConn hockey drops 3rd straight in loss to Vermont

HARTFORD — Porter Schachle scored two goals and added and assist to lead Vermont to a 5-3 upset win over UConn in a Hockey East Conference game on Friday night at the XL Center. If was the Huskies' third straight defeat.

Will Zapernick opened the scoring for the Catamounts at 1:45 of the first. Carter Turnbull tied it for UConn at 8:01 before Schachle regained the lead for Vermont just 44 seconds later. Schachle and Joel Matta pushed the Cata-

mounts' lead to 4-1 before UConn came back

UConn drops to 17-15-0 and 13-10-0 while Vermont is 8-23-2 and 6-15-2. The two teams conclude the two-game series and the regular

remaining accounted for the final score.

season on Saturday at 3 p.m. at the XL Center. Saint Joseph's suffers

with goals by Artem Shlaine and Kevin O'Neil,

whose unassisted score came at 18:46. An

empty-net goal by Zapernick with 35 seconds

first-round exit

Five players reached double figures and Penn State-Harrisburg stunned the Univer-

sity of Saint Joseph 63-53 in an NCAA Division III first-round game at Worcester, Mass. Chaylyn Martin's 15 points led the Blue Jays, who came into the game ranked No. 9 in the country. Jalen Samuels had 11 points off the bench for St. Joe's (26-2) and Jaecee Martin had 10 rebounds. ... Jordan James had 18 points and Sam Peek added 15 to lead Wesleyan to an 81-61 win over Husson in a Division III men's basketball tournament first-round game at Middletown. The Cardinals advance to play RPI, a 78-58 winner over Nichols, in a secondround game on Saturday at 7:40 at Wesleyan. Staff and wire reports

SCOREBOARD

39 38 34 32 25 W 42 31 31	23 27 28 32 37 L 22 32 33	.629 .585 .548 .500 .403 PCT	GE 2 1/2 5 8 14 GE
38 34 32 25 W 42 31 31	27 28 32 37 L 22 32	.585 .548 .500 .403 PCT	14 GE
34 32 25 W 42 31 31	28 32 37 L 22 32	.548 .500 .403 PCT	14 GE
32 25 W 42 31 31	32 37 L 22 32	.500 .403 PCT	14 GE
25 W 42 31 31	37 L 22 32	.403 PCT	GE
W 42 31 31	22 32	PCT	GE
42 31 31	22 32	.656	
31 31	32		101/
31		.492	
	22		$10\frac{1}{2}$
		.484	11
28	34	.452	13
15	48	.238	26 1/2
w	L	PCT	GE
39	24	.619	_
			1
			3
		.338	18
17	47	.266	22 1/2
W	L	PCT	GE
43	21	.672	_
38	25	.603	4 1/2
26	36	.419	16
24	39	.381	18 1/2
15	47	.242	27
w	L	PCT	GE
39	22	.639	_
36	26	.581	3 1/2
34	29	.540	6
34			1/
25	37	.403	14 1/2
	37 42	.403 .323	
25			19 1/2
25 20	42	.323	19 ½ GE
25 20 W	42 L	.323 PCT	19 ½ GE 7 ½
25 20 W 50	42 L	.323 PCT .806	19 ½ GE
25 20 W 50 43	42 L 12 20 31	.323 PCT .806 .683	19 ½ GE 7 ½
25 20 W 50 43 34	42 L 12 20	.323 PCT .806 .683 .523	19 ½ GE 7 ½ 17 ½
25 20 W 50 43 34 27	12 20 31 35	.323 PCT .806 .683 .523 .435	19 ½ GE 7 ½ 17 ½ 23
25 20 W 50 43 34 27 24	42 12 20 31 35 41	.323 PCT .806 .683 .523 .435 .369	19 ½ GE 7 ½ 17 ½ 23
	39 38 36 22 17 FERE W 43 38 26 24 15	W L 39 24 38 25 36 27 22 43 17 47 FERENCE W L 43 21 38 25 26 36 24 39 15 47 W L 39 22	W L PCT 39 24 .619 38 25 .603 36 27 .571 22 43 .338 17 47 .266 FERENCE W L PCT 43 21 .672 38 25 .603 26 36 .419 24 39 .381 15 47 .242 W L PCT 39 22 .639

Detroit 111, Indiana 106 Milwaukee at Chicago, late Orlando at Toronto, late Minnesota at Oklahoma City, late Utah at New Orleans, late Houston at Denver, late New York at Phoenix, late

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Sacramento at Dallas, 5p.m. San Antonio at Charlotte, 7n.m. Orlando at Memphis, 8p.m. Philadelphia at Miami, 8p.m. Portland at Minnesota, 8p.m Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 8:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES Brooklyn at Boston, 1p.m. Phoenix at Milwaukee, 3:30p.m. Indiana at Washington, 6p.m. Memphis at Houston, 7p.m. Utah at Oklahoma City, 7p.m. Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30p.m. New Orleans at Denver, 8p.m. New York at L.A. Clippers, 10p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS Atlanta 130, Chicago 124 Boston 120, Memphis 107 Miami 113, Brooklyn 107 Detroit 108, Toronto 106 Dallas 122, Golden State 113 Sacramento 115, San Antonio 112 L.A. Clippers 132, L.A. Lakers 111

NBA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS Through Thursday **SCORING AVERAGE**

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Embiid, PHI	49	463	466	1459	29.8
GAnttknmpo, MIL	52	519	428	1526	29.3
James, LAL	45	490	195	1297	28.8
DeRozan, CHI	59	608	401	1655	28.1
Young, ATL				1600	
Doncic, DAL	48	470	263	1335	27.8
Morant, MEM	50	517	275	1389	27.8
Mitchell, UTA				1280	
Tatum, BOS				1589	
Curry, GS	58	486	256	1493	25.7
	54	504	236	1385	25.6
Jokic, DEN	56	544	251	1425	25.4
LaVine, CHI	51	443	216	1248	24.5
Towns, MIN	56	491	272	1372	24.5
G-Alexander, OKC				1110	
Brown, BOS	50	425	186	1162	23.2
Ingram, NO				1073	
Fox, SAC				1171	
Edwards, MIN				1196	
VanVleet, TOR					
Siakam, TOR				1040	
,					

KEDUUNDS	G	UFF	DEL	101	AVG
Gobert, UTA	47	170	529	699	14.87
Jokic, DEN	56	156	618	774	13.82
Capela, ATL	54	199	452	651	12.06
Sabonis, IND	47	155	412	567	12.06
Valanciunas, NO	56	175	476	651	11.63
Vucevic, CHI	56	111	538	649	11.59
GAnttknmpo, MIL	52	101	497	598	11.5
Embiid, PHI	49	92	453	545	11.12
Nurkic, POR	56	167	452	619	11.05
Allen, CLE	54	191	402	593	10.98
Carter, ORL	54	119	443	562	10.41
Randle, NY	60	110	496	606	10.1
Wood, HOU	58	103	482	585	10.09
Adams, MEM	60	277	315	592	9.87
Williams, BOS	52	206	305	511	9.83
Towns, MIN	56	150	386	536	9.57
ACCICTO			_		

Towns, MIN	56 150 386 536 9.57
ASSISTS	G AST AVG
Paul, PHO	58 619 10.7
Murray, SA	55 515 9.4
Young, ATL	57 533 9.4
Doncic, DAL	48 422 8.8
Garland, CLE	48 378 7.9
Jokic, DEN	56 445 7.9
Lowry, MIA	48 378 7.9
Ball, CHA	57 419 7.4
Haliburton, SAC	51 379 7.4
Westbrook, LAL	61 443 7.3
Russell, MIN	49 337 6.9
VanVleet, TOR	52 361 6.9
VanVleet, TOR STEALS	52 361 6.9 G STL AVG
,	
STEALS	G STL AVG
STEALS Murray, SA Trent, TOR Paul, PHO	G STL AVG 55 111 2.02 53 100 1.89 58 108 1.86
STEALS Murray, SA Trent, TOR	G STL AVG 55 111 2.02 53 100 1.89
STEALS Murray, SA Trent, TOR Paul, PHO Thybulle, PHI Smart, BOS	G STL AVG 55 111 2.02 53 100 1.89 58 108 1.86 46 83 1.8 55 96 1.75
STEALS Murray, SA Trent, TOR Paul, PHO Thybulle, PHI Smart, BOS Haliburton, SAC	G STL AVG 55 111 2.02 53 100 1.89 58 108 1.86 46 83 1.8 55 96 1.75 51 86 1.69
STEALS Murray, SA Trent, TOR Paul, PHO Thybulle, PHI Smart, BOS Haliburton, SAC Mitchell, UTA	G STL AVG 55 111 2.02 53 100 1.89 58 108 1.86 46 83 1.8 55 96 1.75 51 86 1.69 49 81 1.65
STEALS Murray, SA Trent, TOR Paul, PHO Thybulle, PHI Smart, BOS Haliburton, SAC Mitchell, UTA Melton, MEM	G STL AVG 55 111 2.02 53 100 1.89 58 108 1.86 46 83 1.8 55 96 1.75 51 86 1.69 49 81 1.65 55 89 1.62
STEALS Murray, SA Trent, TOR Paul, PHO Thybulle, PHI Smart, BOS Haliburton, SAC Mitchell, UTA Melton, MEM VanVleet, TOR	G STL AVG 55 111 2.02 53 100 1.89 58 108 1.86 46 83 1.8 55 96 1.75 51 86 1.69 49 81 1.65 55 89 1.62 52 83 1.6
STEALS Murray, SA Trent, TOR Paul, PHO Thybulle, PHI Smart, BOS Haliburton, SAC Mitchell, UTA Melton, MEM	G STL AVG 55 111 2.02 53 100 1.89 58 108 1.86 46 83 1.8 55 96 1.75 51 86 1.69 49 81 1.65 55 89 1.62

ODDS							
	COLLEGE BASKETBALL SATURDAY						
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG					
Virginia	3	at Louisville					
at LSU	41/2	Alabama					
at Tennesse	6	Arkansas					
at Georgia Tech	31/2	Boston College					
Villanova	81/2	at Butler					
at Dayton	4	Davidson					
at Syracuse	1	Miami					
at Auburn	141/2	South Carolina					
at Saint Peter's	7	Fairfield					
at Florida State	71/2	NC State					
Virginia Tech	21/2	at Clemson					
at Purdue	10	Indiana					
Kentucky	5	at Florida					
at W. Virginia	2	TCU					
at Notre Dame	121/2	Pittsburgh					
at Wofford	51/2	VMI					
at Creighton	1	Seton Hall					
Texas Tech	21/2	at Okla. State					
at Arizona State	6	Stanford					
at Duke	121/2	North Carolina					

NBA		SATURDAY
FAVORITE	LINE O/U	UNDERDOG
at Dallas	10 (2291/2)	Sacramento
at Charlotte	31/2 (242)	San Antonio
at Minnesota	off (off)	Portland
at Miami	off (off)	Philadelphia
at Memphis	off (off)	Orlando
Golden State	51/2 (2241/2)	at LA Lakers

NHL		SATUR	DAY
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
St. Louis	-132	at NY Islanders	+110
at Philadelphia	t-114	Chicago	-105
Ottawa	-111	at Arizona	-108
at Florida	-285	Detroit	+230
at Washington	-245	Seattle	+198
at Edmonton	-280	Montreal	+225
at Toronto	-255	Vancouver	+205
Boston	-166	at Columbus	+138
Nashville	-130	at San Jose	+108
at Colorado	-142	Calgary	+116

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook. fanduel.com/

NHL							
EASTERN C					E PTS	GF	G
Florida		36	_		77	221	16
Tampa Bay		36	12		78	186	15
Toronto		35			74	198	15
Boston		33			70	166	14
Detroit		24		-	54	161	19
Buffalo		18		-	44		20
Ottawa	53		29	-	43	137	16
Montreal		14		-	35	132	21
METRO.				-	PTS		G
Carolina	54	37	12	5	79	185	13
Pittsburgh	56	34	14	8	76	183	14
N.Y. Rangers	55	35	15	5	75	165	13
Washington	56	29	18	9	67	180	15
Columbus	55	28	25	2	58	182	20
N.Y. Islanders	51	20	23	8	48	131	14
New Jersey	55	19	31	5	43	168	20
Philadelphia	54	16	28	10	42	135	18

· ····································	٠.						
WESTERN (CON	IFE	RE	NC	E		
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	ОТ	PTS	GF	GA
Colorado	55	40	11	4	84	219	155
St. Louis	53	32	15	6	70	191	146
Minnesota	53	32	18	3	67	200	171
Nashville	54	30	20	4	64	166	155
Dallas	53	30	20	3	63	155	154
Winnipeg	54	24	21	9	57	163	166
Chicago	55	20	27	8	48	138	188
Arizona	54	15	35	4	34	124	196
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	ОТ	PTS	GF	GA
Calgary	53	32	14	7	71	186	130
Los Angeles	56	30	19	7	67	166	160
Edmonton	55	30	21	4	64	182	175
Vegas	55	30	21	4	64	177	162
Anaheim	56	26	21	9	61	165	172
Vancouver	56	27	23	6	60	158	161
Can loca	- 4	24	24	c	E 4	1 42	1.00

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

54 24 24 6 54 143 168 56 17 34 5 39 144 199

FRIDAY'S RESULTS Los Angeles 4, Columbus 3(OT) N.Y. Rangers 3, New Jersey 1 Tampa Bay 3, Detroit 1 Buffalo 5, Minnesota 4 Pittsburgh at Carolina, late Dallas at Winnipeg, late Vegas at Anaheim, late SATURDAY'S GAMES St. Louis at N.Y. Islanders, 12:30p.m. Chicago at Philadelphia, 3p.m. Ottawa at Arizona, 4p.m. Detroit at Florida, 6p.m. Boston at Columbus, 7p.m. Montreal at Edmonton, 7p.m. Seattle at Washington, 7n.m. Vancouver at Toronto, 7p.m. Nashville at San Jose, 8p.m. Calgary at Colorado, 10p.m. SUNDAY'S GAMES
Los Angeles at Buffalo, 1p.m. St. Louis at New Jersey, 1p.m. Dallas at Minnesota, 4p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Winnipeg, 7p.m. Seattle at Carolina, 7p.m. Tampa Bay at Chicago, 7p.m. Ottawa at Vegas, 8p.m. San Jose at Anaheim. 8p.m. THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 4, Carolina 0
Minnesota 5, Philadelphia 4 Pittsburgh 5, Tampa Bay 1 Florida 3, Ottawa 0 Vancouver 4, N.Y. Islanders 3

WTA LYON OPEN At Palais des Sports Gerland, Lyon, France, hardcourt outdoor WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS

Chicago 4, Edmonton 3(OT) Boston 5, Vegas 2

Montreal 5, Calgary 4(OT)

Arizona 2, Colorado 1

#2Sorana Cirstea d. Anna Bondar, 6-3, 6-3. Davana Yastremska d. #5Jasmine Paolini, 6-4, 7-6(3). Caroline Garcia d. #7Alison van Uvtvanck, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5. #8Zhang Shuai d. Vitalia Diatchenko, 3-0, ret.

WTA ABIERTO MONTERREY AT Club Sonoma, Monterrey, Mexico, hardcourt outdoor WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16

#6Nuria Parrizas-Diaz d. #4Sara Sorribes Tormo, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4. #1Elina Svitolina vs. #5Camila Osorio, late #2Leylah Fernandez vs. Marie Bouzkova vs. Beatriz Haddad Maia, late

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER						
EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	G/
Columbus	1	0	0	3	4	(
D.C. United	1	0	0	3	3	(
Atlanta	1	0	0	3	3	
New York	1	0	0	3	3	
Orlando City	1	0	0	3	2	(
New England	0	0	1	1	2	2
Philadelphia	0	0	1	1	1	
Toronto FC	0	0	1	1	1	
Chicago	0	0	1	1	0	(
Inter Miami CF	0	0	1	1	0	(
New York City FC	0	1	0	0	0	
CF Montréal	0	1	0	0	0	
Charlotte FC	0	1	0	0	0	3
Cincinnati	0	1	0	0	0	
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	G/
Austin FC	1	0	0	3	5	(
Los Angeles FC	1	0	0	3	3	(
LA Galaxy	1	0	0	3	1	(
Nashville	1	0	0	3	1	(
Portland	0	0	1	1	2	2
50 D II	_			-	_	

0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 FC Dallas Minnesota United 0 Houston 0 Real Salt Lake Seattle 0 Sporting KC 0 1 0 0 Colorado Three points for win, one point for tie. SATURDAY'S MATCHES FC Dallas at New England, 1:30p.m.

New York at Toronto FC, 2p.m. Houston at Sporting KC, 3:30p.m. Philadelphia at CF Montréal, 4p.m. Columbus at San Jose, 5:30p.m. D.C. United at Cincinnati, 6p.m. Orlando City at Chicago, 6p.m. Nashville at Minnesota, 6p.m. Atlanta at Colorado, 6p.m. Seattle at Real Salt Lake, 6p.m. New York City FC at Vancouver, 6p.m. LA Galaxy at Charlotte FC, 7:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES Miami at Austin FC, 4p.m. Portland at Los Angeles FC, 10p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

LINGLISH PKLI			/	40	UL		
CLUB	GΡ	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Man City	27	21	3	3	64	17	6
Liverpool	26	18	6	2	70	20	6
Chelsea	25	14	8	3	49	18	5
Man United	27	13	8	6	44	34	4
West Ham	27	13	6	8	46	34	4
Arsenal	24	14	3	7	38	27	4
Tottenham	25	13	3	9	35	32	4
Wolverhampton	26	12	4	10	24	21	4
Southampton	26	8	11	7	34	37	3
Brighton	26	7	12	7	25	30	3
Leicester	24	8	6	10	39	43	3
Crystal Palace	27	6	12	9	37	38	3
Aston Villa	25	9	3	13	33	37	3
Newcastle	25	5	10	10	28	45	2
Brentford	27	6	6	15	27	44	2
Leeds	26	5	8	13	29	60	2
Everton	24	6	4	14	28	41	2
Burnley	25	3	12	10	22	32	2
Watford	26	5	4	17	25	47	1
Norwich	26	4	5	17	15	55	1

SATURDAY'S MATCHES Leicester vs. Leeds, 7:30a.m. Aston Villa vs. Southampton, 10a.m. Burnley vs. Chelsea, 10a.m. Newcastle vs. Brighton, 10a.m. Norwich vs. Brentford, 10a.m. Liverpool vs. West Ham, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES Watford vs. Arsenal, 9a.m. Man City vs. Man United, 11:30a.m.

MONDAY'S MATCH Tottenham vs. Everton, 3p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED No. 1 Gonzaga (24-3) did not play. Next: WCC Tournament, Monday No. 2 Arizona (27-3) did not play. Next: vs. California, Saturday. No. 3 Baylor (25-5) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa St., Saturday. No. 4 Duke (26-4) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina, Saturday No. 5 Auburn (26-4) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina, Saturday. No. 6 Kansas (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Texas, Saturday. No. 7 Kentucky (24-6) did not play. No. 8 Purdue (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Saturday. No. 9 Providence (24-4) did not play. Next: Big East Tournament, Thursday No. 10 Wisconsin (24-5) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Sundav No. 11 Villanova (22-7) did not play. Next: at Butler, Saturday. No. 12 Texas Tech (23-7) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma St., Saturday. No. 13 Tennessee (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14Arkansas, Saturday, No. 14 Houston (26-4) did not play. Next: at Memphis, Sunday. No. 14 Arkansas (24-6) did not play. Next: at No. 13Tennessee, Saturday No. 16 USC (25-5) did not play. Next: at No. 17UCLA, Saturday No. 17 UCLA (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16USC, Saturday. No. 18 UConn (21-8) did not play Next: vs. DePaul, Saturday. No. 19 Saint Mary's (Cal) (24-6) did not play. Next: WCC Tournament, Monday No. 20 Illinois (21-8) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24lowa, Sunday. No. 21 Texas (21-9) did not play. No. 22 Murray St. (28-2) vs. SE Missouri. No. 23 Ohio St. (23-9) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Sunday. No. 24 Iowa (22-8) did not play. Next: at No. 20Illinois, Sunday. No. 25 Alabama (19-11) did not play. Next: at LSU, Saturday. FRIDAY MEN'S SCORES

St. Bonaventure 72. Richmond 65 SOUTH Longwood 79, NC A&T 65(OT) SC-Unstate 72. Charleston Southern 62

The Citadel 84, ETSU 76 Winthrop 68, High Point 51 W. Carolina vs. Mercer, late Campbell vs. Gardner-Webb, late Akron 57, Cent. Michigan 56 Ball St. 64, W. Michigan 63 Kent St. 70, Buffalo 65 Loyola Chicago 66, Bradley 50 Miami (Ohio) 76, E. Michigan 63 Missouri St. 67, Valparaiso 58 N. Iowa 78, Illinois St. 65 Toledo 96, Bowling Green 56 Ohio at N. Illinois, late SE Missouri vs. Murrav St., late S. Illinois vs. Drake, late Morehead St. vs. Belmont, late

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED No. 1 South Carolina (28-1) beat Arkansas, 76-54. Next: vs. MIssissippi, Sat. No. 2 Stanford (26-3) vs. Colorado, late. Next: TBD. No. 3 NC State (27-3) beat Florida St.

Loyola Marymount vs. BYU, late Utah St. at San Jose St., late

San Diego vs. Portland, late

84-54. Next: vs. No. 21Va. Tech. Sat. No. 4 Louisville (25-4) lost to Miami 61-59. Next: TBD. No. 5 Baylor (24-5) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Sunday. No. 6 LSU (25-5) lost to Kentucky 78-63. No. 7 UConn (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Saturday. No. 8 Iowa St. (24-5) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Saturday. No. 9 Texas (22-6) did not play.

No. 10 Michigan (22-5) vs. Nebraska, late. Next: TBD. No. 11 Maryland (21-8) lost to No. 14 No. 13 Next: TBD
No. 13 lowa (21-7) beat Northwestern
72-59. Next: vs. #10 Mich./Nebraska, Sat. No. 13 Ohio St. (23-5) beat Michigan St., 74-58. Next: vs. No. 14Indiana, Sat. No. 14 Arizona (20-6) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament.
No. 14 Indiana (21-7) beat No. 11 Mary-

No. 16 North Carolina (23-6) lost to No. 21 Va. Tech 87-80 (OT). Next: TBD. No. 17 BYU (25-2) did not play. Next: WCC Tournament, Monday.
No. 18 Tennessee (22-7) vs. Alabama, late, Next: TRD. No. 19 Oklahoma (23-6) did not play. Next: vs.Kansas, Saturday. No. 20 Notre Dame (21-7) vs. No. 25 Georgia Tech, late. Next: TBD.
No. 21 Va. Tech (23-8) beat No. 16 UNC 87-80 (OT). Next: vs. No. 3NC State, Sat.

No. 22 Florida Gulf Coast (26-2) did not play. Next: Atlantic Sun Tourney, Sun. No. 23 Florida (21-10) lost to Ole Miss 70-60. Next: TBD.
No. 24 Georgia (20-9) did not play. Next: TBD. No. 25 Georgia Tech (21-9) vs. No. 20 Notre Dame, late. Next: TBD.

FRIDAY WOMEN'S SCORES

Columbia 70, Cornell 57 Harvard 85, Dartmouth 52 Indiana 62, Maryland 51 Georgetown 68, Providence 55 Princeton 69, Penn 43 Saint Joseph's 51, Rhode Island 48 Seton Hall 58, Butler 39 St. John's 76. Xavier 69 UMass 66, Fordham 63 SOUTH Belmont 63. Austin Peav 51

Furman 64, Wofford 59 Kentucky 78, LSU 63 Louisiana-Lafavette 71, Texas St. 46 Mercer 65, Samford 35 Miami 61, Louisville 59 Mississippi 70, Florida 60 NC State 84, Florida St. 54 South Carolina 76, Arkansas 54 Tennessee Tech 68, Murray St. 62 Troy 99, Coastal Carolina 77 UALR 70, Appalachian St. 58 VCU 55, George Washington 47 Virginia Tech 87, North Carolina 80(OT) Georgia Tech vs. Notre Dame, late Alabama vs. Tennessee, late MIDWEST

Dayton 60, Davidson 55(OT) Iowa 72. Northwestern 59 Ohio St. 74, Michigan St. 58 Nebraska vs. Michigan, late SOUTHWEST Ga. Southern vs. Texas-Arlington, late **WEST**

Hawaii 75, CS Northridge 62 Loyola Marymount 71, Saint Mary's, 64 Santa Clara 86, San Diego 79 Idaho at N. Arizona, late Montana St. at N. Colorado, late Weber St. at S. Utah, late Colorado vs. Stanford, late E. Washington at Portland St., late Montana at Sacramento St., late Utah vs. Oregon at Las Vegas, late

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP UPCOMING SCHEDULE Sunday: Pennzoil 400, Las Vegas March 13: Ruoff Mortgage 500, Avon-March 20: Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500, March 27: Echopark Texas Grand Prix, Austin, Texas

April 3: Toyota Owners 400, Richmond,

April 9: Blue-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 400, Ridgeway, Va. April 17: Food City Dirt Race, Bristol,

April 24: GEICO 500, Talladega, Ala. May 1: DuraMAX Drydene 400 presented by RelaDyne, Dover, Del. May 8: Goodyear 400, Darlington, S.C. May 15: NASCAR Cup Series at Kansas, Kansas City, Kan.

May 22: x-NASCAR All-Star Open, Fort May 22: NASCAR All-Star Race, Fort Worth, Texas

GOLF PGA ARNOLD PALMER BAY HILL INVITATIONAL 2nd of 4rounds; At Bay Hill Club, Orlando, Fla., 7,466 yards; Par: 72 Viktor Hovland Talor Gooch Tvrrell Hatton 69-68-137 Rory McIlroy Billy Horschel 65-72-137 67-71-138 Sam Burns 72-69-141 Paul Casey Beau Hossler 71-70—141 67-74—141 Charles Howell III 68-73-141 69-72-141 72-69-141 70-71-141 Patton Kizzire Martin Laird Cameron Young 69-73-142 70-72-142 71-71-142 Hayden Buckley Russell Henley David Lipsky 71-71-142 72-70-142 67-75-142 69-73-142 70-72-142 70-73-143 70-73-143 69-74-143 70-73-143 Jon Rahm J.J. Spaun Aaron Wise Gary Woodland Rickie Fowler Lanto Griffin Stephan Jaeger Marc Leishman 70-73-143 71-72-143 71-72-143 68-75-143 Troy Merritt Taylor Pendrith Ian Poulter 70-73—143 70-73—143 70-73—143 Scottie Scheffler **Brendan Steele** Matt Fitzpatrick Lucas Herbert 73-71-144 Graeme McDowell 68-76-144 70-74-144 Adam Schenk 68-76-144 73-71-144 73-71-144 Alex Smalley Davis Thompson Lee Westwood 70-74—144 73-71—144 **Danny Willett** 70-75—145 +1 72-73—145 +1 75-70—145 +1 Cameron Champ Sergio Garcia Sungjae Im Matt Jones 68-77-145 +1 70-75-145 +1 69-76-145 +1 Si Woo Kim 69-76-145 +1 73-72-145 +1 73-72-145 +1 Chris Kirk Hideki Matsuyama Sam Ryder 73-72-145 +1 73-72-145 +1 72-73-145 +1 68-77-145 +1 Brendon Todd Matthew Wolff Will Zalatoris 71-75—146 +2 70-76—146 +2 Keegan Bradley Dylan Frittelli 74-72-146 +2 73-73-146 +2 70-76-146 +2 Lucas Glover Anirban Lahiri Kyoung-Hoon Lee 72-74-146 +2

-3 -3 -3

-2 -2 -2

-2 -2 -1

74-73-147 +3 72-75-147 +3 72-75-147 +3 70-77-147 +3 72-75-147 +3 Vince Whaley PGA PUERTO RICO OPEN

Keith Mitchell

Pat Perez

Taylor Moore Sebastian Munoz

Rory Sabbatini Greyson Sigg

Christiaan Bezuidenho Tommy Fleetwood

Padraig Harrington

Nick Watney

Tom Hoge Zach Johnson

Jason Kokrak

Danny Lee Adam Long Denny McCarthy

Maverick McNealy John Pak Thomas Pieters

Patrick Rodgers

71-75-146 +2 72-74-146 +2

71-75-146 +2

77-69-146 +2 71-75-146 +2

74-72-146 +2

73-74-147 +3

73-74-147 +3

73-74—147 +3 69-78—147 +3 73-74—147 +3

73-74-147 +3 74-73-147 +3 74-73-147 +3

73-74—147 74-73—147

78-69—147 72-75—147

2nd of 4rounds; At Grand Reserve CC,					
Rio Grande, Puerto Rico), 7,506yards	;			
Par: 72					
Ryan Brehm	66-67-133	-11			
Michael Kim	65-69-134				
Satoshi Kodaira	68-66-134	-10			
Max McGreevy	70-64-134	-10			
Callum Tarren	70-65-135	-9			
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	67-69-136	-8			
Sang-Moon Bae	69-67-136	-8			
Patrick Flavin	68-68-136	-8			
Tommy Gainey	69-67-136	-8			
Christopher Gotterup	68-68-136	-8			
Jim Knous	71-65-136	-8			
Andrew Novak	69-67-136	-8			
Matthias Schwab	70-66-136	-8			
Mark Hensby	70-67-137	-7			
Sung Kang	69-68-137	-7			
Chad Ramey	69-68-137	-7			
Chase Seiffert	65-72-137	-7			
Rafael Campos	70-68-138	-6			
Brice Garnett	70-68-138	-6			
Bill Haas	72-66-138	-6			
Ben Kohles	68-70-138	-6			
Dawie Van der Walt	72-66-138	-6			
Brandon Wu	69-69-138	-6			
Aaron Baddeley	67-72-139	-5			
Ricky Barnes	70-69-139	-5			
Greg Chalmers	68-71-139	-5			
Justin Lower	69-70-139	-5			
Spencer Ralston	71-68-139	-5			
Josh Teater	71-68-139	-5			
D.J. Trahan	70-69-139	-5			
Kevin Yu	73-66—139	-5			

HSBC WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2nd of 4 rounds; The New Tanjong; Sentosa Island, Singapore; 6,749 yards;

Sentosa Island, Singapo	re; 6,749 yar	ds;
Par 72 Jin Young Ko	69-67-136	-8
Amy Yang	60 67 126	-o -8
Brooke Henderson	69-67-136 69-68-137	-o -7
Megan Khang	69-68-137	-7
Atthaya Thitikul	69-68-137	-7
Pajaree Anannarukarn	69-69-138	-6
In Gee Chun	70 60 120	-6
A Lim Kim	70-68-138 68-70-138	-6
Angel Yin	60-60-138	-6
Danielle Kang	69-69-138 68-71-139	-5
Yealimi Noh	75-64-139	-5
Su-Hyun Oh	75-64-139 69-70-139	-5
Inbee Park	68-71-139	-5
Ariya Jutanugarn	68-71-139 72-68-140	-4
Jennifer Kupcho	69-71-140	-4
Minjee Lee	71-69-140	-4
Jeongeun Lee6	70-70-140	-4
Gaby Lopez	70-70-140 70-70-140	-4
Madelene Sagstrom	71-69-140	-4
Sarah Schmelzel	CO 71 140	-4
Wei-Ling Hsu	70-71-141	-3
Xiyu Lin	69-72-141	-3
Emily Pedersen	71-70-141	-3
Jenny Shin	70-71-141 69-72-141 71-70-141 70-71-141 67-74-141	-3
Patty Tavatanakit	67-74-141	-3
Carlota Ciganda		-2
Perrine Delacour	70-72—142 72-70—142 72-70—142	-2
Ayaka Furue	72-70-142	-2
Hyo Joo Kim	72-70-142	-2
Lydia Ko	69-73-142 69-73-142	-2
Nanna Koerstz Madsen	69-73-142	-2
Alison Lee	72-70-142 70-72-142	-2
Leona Maguire	70-72-142	-2
Emma Talley	72-70-142	-2
Momoko Ueda	71-71-142	-2
Ashleigh Buhai	69-74-143 74-69-143	-1
Chella Choi	74-69-143	-1
Hannah Green	74-69—143 72-71—143	-1
Nasa Hataoka	72-71-143	-1
Esther Henseleit	71-72-143	-1
Min Lee	71-72—143	-1
So Yeon Ryu	72-71-143	-1
Celine Boutier	72-72-144	E
Jeong Eun Lee	72-71-143 72-72-144 71-73-144 70-74-144 71-73-144	E
Caroline Masson	70-74-144	E
Yuka Saso	73-72-145	+1
Stacy Lewis	70-75—145	+1
Lizette Salas Moriya Jutanugarn		+2
Sarah Kemp	74-72—146 75-71—146	+2
Yu Liu	72-74-146	+2
Hinako Shibuno	72-74-146 76-70-146	+2
Jenny Coleman	79-68-147	+3
Marina Alex	79-68-147 74-74-148	+4
Brittany Altomare	74-74—148	+4
Mina Harigae	74-74—148	+4
Sei Young Kim	74-74-148	+4
Matilda Castren	74-74—148 74-75—149	+5
Wichanee Meechai	73-76-149	+5
Jasmine Suwannapura	73-76-149 72-77-149	+5
Mel Reid	78-72-150	+6
Sung Hyun Park	75-76-151	+7
Xiaowen Yin	81-70-151	+7
Sock Hwee Koh	80-79-159	+15

EUROPEAN TOUR MAGICAL KENYA OPEN

2nd of 4 rounds; At Muthaiga GC,

Nairobi, Kenya, 7,184 ya	rds; Par: 71	
Shubhankar Sharma	65-67-132	-10
Ewen Ferguson	66-67-133	-9
Masahiro Kawamura	67-66-133	-9
Thriston Lawrence	69-66-135	-7
Dean Burmester	67-69-136	-6
Angel Hidalgo	68-68-136	-6
Njoroge Njonge Kibugu	70-66-136	-6
Hurly Long	68-68-136	-6
Jesper Svensson	70-66-136	-6
Wu Ashun, China	69-68-137	-5
Hennie Du Plessis	70-67-137	-5
Daniel Gavins	64-73-137	-5
Matthieu Pavon	69-68-137	-5
Jayden Trey Schaper	70-67-137	-5
Daniel Van Tonder	68-69-137	-5



Former Michigan star defensive end Aidan Hutchinson is currently part of a four-man race to be this year's top NFL draft pick. JUSTIN CASTERLINE/GETTY

NFL COMBINE

Battling for the top spot

By Michael Marot Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS Kayvon Thibodeaux looked like a lock to be this year's top NFL draft pick - until Aidan Hutchinson played his way into the conversation.

Now, with eight weeks until draft night, offensive linemen Ikem "Ickey" Ekwonu and Evan Neal are in the debate, too.

This four-man race to the top has become a hot topic at this week's annual scouting combine and has rekindled a familiar question: Who's No. 1? With no QBs likely to be selected right away, guys in the trenches are the favorites.

"You have to take the player you think is the best fit for the organization and makes the biggest difference," Jaguars general manager Trent Baalke said earlier this week in Indianapolis. "If that's an offensive tackle, you do it. If it's an edge rusher, you do it. This draft has a lot of unique players. There may not be that clear No. 1, but there are a lot of good football players at the top."

Baalke's job is to sort it all out in a draft that has several unique features.

First off, Baalke is drafting first for the second straight year; no team other than Cleveland has held that distinction since 1988. The Browns picked No. 1 in 1999-2000 and 2017-18. Plus, the Jags already have their franchise quarterback after taking Trevor Lawrence last year. Lawrence's presence presumably gives Baalke the option of adding either a coveted pass-rushing cornerstone, a massive pass protector who can keep Lawrence upright and healthy for years to come, or a trade that could

fill multiple holes. The one seemingly virtual certainty: A sevenyear run of quarterbacks going first or second will end. None is likely to even make the conversation.

Until recently, Thibodeaux, the All-American out of Oregon, appeared to be the odds-on favorite. He had seven sacks last season despite missing 2 ½ games with a sprained ankle that slowed him through some other games. But with his stock apparently waning amid questions about his consistency from play to play, Thibodeaux went on the offensive Friday.

"I can't really compare it to other guys and what they do because I know that I have great teams that I went up against, and I had a lot of great opportunities to show what I can do," he said, describing his aggressive style.

If Thibodeaux's slide continues, Hutchinson could emerge as the best.

The former Michigan star broke the school's single-season record with 14 sacks, led the Wolverines to a Big Ten title and their first playoff appearance while becoming the third defensive player to finish as the Heisman Trophy runner-up. He did it all after recovering from a fractured right ankle that ended his 2020 season.

Just don't expect Hutchinson to make the pitch. He'd rather let his play suffice.

"I've been playing football for a long time, so I know what pressure is, I know the type of player I am and that calms me a little bit," he said.

The bigger surprise might be the recent emergence of Ekwonu and Neal, though it certainly makes sense after the Jags allowed 32 sacks and Lawrence struggled.

It's not even clear just yet which player is the best lineman. Time will tell.

IN BRIEF

MLB players to start \$1M fund for workers

News services

Locked-out Major League Baseball players are starting a \$1 million fund to support workers impacted by canceled games.

The players' association said Friday the fund will be administered by the union and the AFL-CIO. It will be distributed to stadium workers and others caused financial hardship by baseball's ninth work stoppage, which was in its 93rd day.

Spring training games failed to start as scheduled on Feb. 26. Commissioner Rob Manfred on Tuesday canceled the first two series for each team during the regular season, scheduled to start March 31.

"Many aren't seen or heard, but they are vital to the entertainment experience of our games," union executive board members Andrew Miller and Max Scherzer said in a statement. "Unfortunately, they will also be among those affected by the owner-imposed lockout and the cancellation of games. Through this fund, we want to let them know that they have our support."

cast and concession crews, electricians, ushers, security, transportation and janitors as among those needed for MLB games.

The union listed broad-

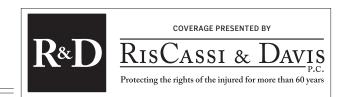
College football: Players ejected for targeting in the second half of a college football game could be eligible to play the following game after an appeal through the conference office, if a recommendation handed down Friday by the NCAA rules committee is approved.

Cricket: Shane Warne, who was considered to be the greatest bowler in cricket history and helped Australia win the World Cup in 1999 among his incredible career accomplishments, has died. He was 52. Fox Sports television, which employed Warne as a commentator, quoted a family statement early Saturday as saying he died of a suspected heart attack.

Golf: Viktor Hovland had the lowest round of the day with a 6-under 66 for a two-shot lead at the Arnold Palmer Invitational

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Saturday: vs. Georgetown, **MEN'S BASKETBALL** Saturday: vs. DePaul (at Gampel), 5 p.m., FOX

CONN



UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

SENIOR NIGHT

UConn's veterans have helped bring the program back to prominence; now only a deep postseason run will do

By Shreyas Laddha

Hartford Courant

There's a palpable buzz of excitement around the UConn men's basketball team in large part due to its

R.J. Cole, Tyrese Martin, Tyler Polley, Isaiah Whaley and Matt Garry are helping lead the Huskies to their best season in years.

The Huskies play DePaul on Senior Night on Saturday at Gampel Pavilion to close out the regular season. Before the game, the seniors will be honored in ceremonies. Whaley and Polley graduated last year but took advantage of the chance to return for one more season, which was granted due to COVID.

The ceremonies will be at 4:45 p.m.

The seniors aren't ready to bask in the glories of their careers just yet.

"It's a basketball game," Cole said. "I just want to go

out there and win. It's the only thing I can think about. It's the only thing I do think about, winning basketball games. No matter what, no matter who it is.'

This season has tested every member of the senior class. They've dealt with injuries, had an 18-day pause due to the COVID-19 outbreak within the program and played a grueling nine games in 27 days

The group has also seen firsthand how the UConn program has grown during their careers.

"They all saw the bad, Hurley said. "They saw what really bad practices look like and a culture that's not formed and doesn't understand how to prepare to win. They saw it firsthand. They've experienced it on game night and the day after games. Their journey through sports will be so much more valuable to them in terms of their life success.

"They've seen bad habits that lead to failure. They've seen the good habits that lead to success." Here's a closer look at the honorees.



the Huskies. He quickly became a fan favorite and is currently playing some of the best basketball of his life as he averages 16.2 points per game and 4.2 assists per game. On the court, Cole is relentless and will do anything it takes to win. Perhaps his most impressive development has been in becoming the team's most vocal leader. According to Hurley, it was a role he grew into and has excelled at. "R.J. has absolutely squeezed the lemon dry this year in terms of what he's given us on both ends of the court," he said. Cole has an opportunity to come back next season, but for now his focus is on finishing off this season strong and then evaluating from there. "I really like this group of guys, he said. "I just want to finish this season out."



Tyrese Martin: The energizer

Martin originally committed to play basketball for Hurley at the University of Rhode Island. When Hurley took the UConn job in 2018, so Martin followed without playing a minute at URI. Martin is averaging 13.2 points per game and shooting 43.8% from 3, both careerhighs. Although he has been dealing with an elbow injury all year, he lays it all out on the court and brings infectious energy. Hurley's teams always play with emotion and swagger and Martin leads the way. After not playing in front of any fans last season, Martin is ready to pump up the Madison Square Garden crowd at the Big East tournament that begins on Wednesday. "I've heard the atmosphere in MSG is special," he said. It's something I'm definitely looking forward to,"



Isaiah Whaley: Doing the dirty work

Whaley has been affectionally nicknamed "The Wrench" for doing all the dirty work. The former 3-star recruit from North Carolina is a great defender, rebounder and can occasionally make a 3 when needed. UConn ranks No. 33 in Division in defensive efficiency with 95.2 per KenPom and a large part of that is due to Whaley. He's averaging 7.7 points and 2.1 blocks per game and has been a critical cog in a team that has built its identity around defense and physicality. He walked at Senior Night last year but ultimately returned for another year.



Tyler Polley: The X factor

Polley has been at UConn for five seasons and, if not for an ACL tear, would be among the all-time leaders in games played. On a team that lacks shooting, he is a crucial player. While Polley has had an up-and-down season, he's seemed to find his groove in the last couple of games. In the last four games he's averaging 10.5 points while shooting 57%. Cole was grateful Polley and Whaley decided to come back. "They are a huge part of what we put together these past couple of years. They've been coming up big time for us all year," he said.



Matt Garry: The walk-on

While Garry doesn't have the most glamorous role on the team, he's a pivotal part of the Huskies. UConn uses him in practice to prepare for opponents and Hurley praised his willingness to go through the rigors of being a walk-on. "It's not as glamorous and it's a cool experience for the walk-ons, but it's a grind for them," he said. "They are practice meat and tackle dummies. They are pretty beat up by the end of the year. Matt especially, he's been great for us. He's a good enough player actually to be able to use him live in practice. He's got the battle scars to prove it. He's been out on the court to practice and help us get better."



Huskies

from Page 1

No. 4 meets No. 5 at 2:30 p.m.

UConn notes: Jordan Hawkins didn't practice on Friday and will miss the DePaul game as he is currently in concussion protocol. ... On Friday, Adama Sanogo was announced as one of the five finalists for the Kareem-Abdul-Jabbar Center of the Year. The other four centers on the list are Drew Timme (Gonzaga), Walker Kessler (Auburn), Kofi Cockburn (Illinois) and Oscar Tshiebwe (Kentucky).

Here's everything you need to know about Saturday's game:

The basics

Site: Gampel Pavilion, Storrs Time: 5 p.m. Series: UConn leads, 14-1

Last meeting: UConn won, 57-50. on Jan 29, 2022, at Wintrust Arena. TV: FS1 (Joe Davis and Casey Jacobsen)

Live Stream: Fox Sports app Radio: UConn Sports Network (Mike Crispino, Wayne Norman). XM-201. Sirius-138. SXM app-964. 97.9-ESPN Hartford. WILI-1400-AM (Willimantic). WATR-1320-AM (Waterbury). WAVZ-1300-AM (New Haven). WGCH-1490-AM (Greenwich).

DePaul (15-14, 6-13 Big East) probable starters, sixth man

Javan Johnson, F. 6-6, Gr.: Jalen Terry, G, 6-0, So.; Nick Ongenda, C. 6-11, Jr.; David Jones, F, 6-6, So., Brandon Johnson, F, 6-8, Gr., Javon Freeman-Liberty, G, 6-4, Sr.

No. 18 UConn (21-8, 12-6) probable starters, sixth man

R.J. Cole, G, 6-1, GS; Isaiah Whaley, F, 6-9, GS; Adama Sanogo, F, 6-9, So.; Tyrese Martin, G/F, 6-6, Sr.; Andre Jackson, G/F, 6-6, So.; Tyler Polley, F. 6-9. Sr.

The matchup

UConn's offense: The Huskies will need to try and get Sanogo going early while the team must take smart shots around the rim against DePaul's potent shot blockers.

UConn's defense: The big emphasis will be to get back on defense to prevent fastbreaks as DePaul is tied for No. 83 in pace with 69.7.

DePaul's offense: Freeman-Liberty leads the team in scoring with 21.9 points per game. He didn't play the last game against UConn.

DePaul's defense: DePaul is No. 39 in NCAA Division I in block percentage with 12.6% according to KenPom, so the Huskies need to be prudent in the shots they take. UConn's key: Don't let DePaul dictate the pace and play insideout through Sanogo to open up the offense.

Player to watch: Cole. He's played exceptionally well in the last few games and he was the lone bright spot on offense last time against DePaul, so it's crucial he plays up to that standard.

About DePaul's coach: Tony Stubblefield. This is his first year coaching at DePaul. DePaul's mascot: The Demon,

chosen in 1907. **DePaul famous alumni:** Current NBA player Paul Reed.

Shreyas Laddha can be reached at sladdha@courant.com or at shre98 on Twitter.

UConn

from Page 1

has nine players who have, at one time or another, started or played starter-level minutes during the season. Essentially, with so many injuries, UConn coach Geno Auriemma has had to play his bench all season, so now he has the deepest team he has had in years, sometimes using hockey-style mass substitutions, which should be a strength when playing three games in three days.

"Trying to get everybody all the minutes they would want is virtually impossible," Auriemma said. "Do you want to play 40 minutes? No, I'd be happy with 38.' They all want to play a lot of minutes, but you have to make sure you get people enough minutes to be effective."

The minutes watch will be on most particular for Paige Bueckers, the reigning national player of the year. After missing 19 games and more than two months recovering from a knee injury and subsequent surgery, she returned with two cameos — 12 minutes vs. St. John's and 13 vs. Providence — in the last two games. Her work load will be slowly ramped up.

Bueckers looked better in practice on Thursday than she had since she returned, Auriemma said.

"She'll be under the [restrictions] that I feel like putting on her based on what she says and based on what I see," Auriemma said. "I don't see her playing 35 minutes three games in a row, but it will be more than 15."

UConn will be relying heavily on the two young players who made the Big East's all-freshman team - Caroline Ducharme and Azzi Fudd. Ducharme's mid-season emergence helped keep the Huskies from losing back-to-back games, and Fudd became the dynamic 3-point shooter she was advertised to be after she returned from her foot injury.

"We have so many options." Ducharme said. "Knowing when you get in there, it's doing what you do best and being able to capitalize on that, and then we have fresh legs coming in. We've had to step up and find those roles, and that everyone is back, I feel like everyone is peaking at the right time. If everyone is playing their best game at once, we're pretty hard to beat."

Here's what you need to know for Saturday's Big East Tournament quarterfinals matchup.

The basics

Big East Tournament quarterfinal: UConn vs. Georgetown Time: Noon ET

Site: Mohegan Sun Arena,

Uncasville Series: UConn leads, 48-6 Last meeting: UConn won 90-49 on Feb. 20 at XL Center TV: FS1 (John Fanta, Kim Adams) Radio: UConn IMG Sports

Network on 97.9 ESPN (Bob Joyce, Debbie Fiske)

Georgetown (11-18) probable starters, sixth player

Milan Bolden-Morris, G. 5-10, Gr.: Kelsey Ransom, G, 5-10, So.; Kaylin West, G, 5-7, Gr.; Brianna Scott, F, 6-4. Fr.: Graceann Bennett, F. 6-3. Jr.; Ariel Jenkins, F, 6-3, Fr.

UConn (22-5) probable starters, sixth player

Christyn Williams, G, 5-11, Sr.; Paige Bueckers, 5-11, G, Jr.; Nika Mühl, G, 5-10, So.; Olivia Nelson-Ododa, F, 6-5, Sr.; Azzi Fudd, G, 5-11, Fr.; Evina Westbrook, G, 6-0, R-Sr.

The matchup

UConn's offense: During their seven-game winning streak to finish the regular season, the Huskies shot 52.7 percent from the field. This figures to improve with Bueckers getting more and more time on the court.

UConn's defense: Mühl was named Big East Defensive Player of the Year, indicative of the tone-setting defense she plays and also of the Huskies' overall defensive effectiveness. They allowed only 50.8 points per game in conference play. Georgetown turned it over 30 times against UConn on Feb. 20.

Georgetown's offense: The Hovas delivered a knockout against Providence with a 21-0 second-half run. Bolden-Morris (12.6 points per game) scored 18 points on 7-for-19 shooting. She scored only six against UConn. so stopping her will again be a key for

Georgetown's defense: Georgetown allows 67.8 points per

game, with opponents shooting 40.2 percent, 34.2 on 3s. The Hoyas have won three in a row, allowing 51.0 points during this stretch. UConn keys: The Huskies are winning games with defense. The offense just has to be solid on the basics: ball security, ball movement and shot selection. Player to watch: Bueckers will be playing more this weekend, at least more than the 12 and 13 minutes she played in her first two games back. This is her chance to shake off the rust from her long absence in time for the NCAA Tournament.

About Georgetown's coach: James Howard, 52, has been head coach at Georgetown since June 2017, with previous stops at Bethune-Cookman, Howard, George Mason and a head-coaching stint at Division III

Wesley in Delaware. Famous alumni: Former president Bill Clinton, former NBA player/ current Georgetown men's coach Patrick Ewing, NBA stars Allen Iverson, Dikembe Mutombo, Alonzo Mourning and journalist and former First Lady of California Maria Shriver.

Dom Amore can be reached at damore@courant.com

BIG EAST ROUNDUP

Georgetown tops Providence to set up quarterfinal vs. UConn

Staff reports

UNCASVILLE - Milan Bolden-Morris scored a team-leading 18 points to lead No. 9 seed Georgetown to a 68-55 win over No. 8 Providence in a first-round Big East Conference women's basketball tournament game Friday at Mohegan Sun Arena.

The victory sends the Hoyas into a quarterfinal meeting with top seed UConn on Saturday at noon. The Huskies won the lone meeting between the two this season, 90-49 on Feb. 20.

Clinging to a 26-25 lead at the half, Georgetown took off on a 23-9 third-quarter run to put the game away. Graceann Bennett came off the bench for the Hoyas and added 13 points and a team-leading seven rebounds.

Emily Archibald led all

scorers with 21 points for Providence.

St. John's 76, Xavier 69: The No. 7 Red Storm broke open a close game, outscoring the No. 10 Musketeers by 13 in the final period to advance to a quarterfinal meeting with No. 2 Villanova.

Kadaja Bailey led St. John's with 17 points, and Rayven Peeples added 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Ayanna Townsend led Xavier with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Seton Hall 58, Butler 39: The No. 6 Pirates outscored the No. 11 Bulldogs 34-15 in the second half to advance to a quarterfinal meeting with No. 3 Creighton.

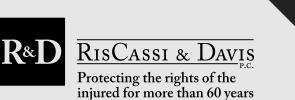
Lauren Park-Lane led all scorers with 21 points for Seton Hall. Sidney Cooks added 13 points and eight rebounds. Sydney Jaynes led Butler with 10 points.

Did you know?

Tailgating is a contributing factor in more than one third of all crashes on the road in the U.S.

riscassi-davis.com

131 Oak Street • Hartford, Connecticut 860.522.1196 • 800.344.5297





NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Murray brings back Lendl for help



Andy Murray is bringing back Ivan Lendl, pictured, as his coach, reuniting about 4 ½ years after the pair split up for a second time. Murray's manager announced Friday that the 34-year-old from Scotland and Lendl have agreed to return to working together over the next few months. Their part-

nership produced three Grand Slam singles trophies and two consecutive Olympic gold medals in 2012 and 2016 for Murray, the only tennis player with more than one Summer Games singles title. The two men now plan to hold a training block in the United States for several weeks after the Miami Open hard-court tournament, which ends on April 3. While the tennis tour moves to Europe for the clay circuit culminating with the French Open from May 22 to June 5, Murray will prepare for the grass season. Wimbledon begins on June 27. Murray also intends to hire another coach, who will work with Lendl and travel with Murray. He is currently ranked 84th and has an 8-6 record in 2022, with losses in his second matches at each of his past four tournaments, including the Australian Open.

NFL to pay up for concussion case



Black retired football players who were denied payments for dementia in the NFL's \$1 billion concussion settlement can seek to be retested or have their claims rescored to eliminate racial bias in the testing and payout formula, under a revised plan finalized Friday. Outrage

over the use of "race-norming" in the dementia testing — which assumed that Black people have a lower cognitive baseline score, making it harder for them to show mental declines linked to football - forced the NFL and players' lawyers back to the negotiating table last year. The revisions could allow many retired players to resubmit their claims and add \$100 million or more to the NFL's legal tab. The NFL, through the fund, has paid out more than \$800 million to date, nearly half for dementia claims. The dementia awards average about \$600,000. "Thousands of Black players stand to benefit from these changes to the settlement," said lawyer Cyril V. Smith, who represents former players Najeh Davenport, pictured, and Kevin Henry, whose 2020 race discrimination lawsuit brought the issue to light.

Gymnastics, curling ban Russians

Russia has been banned from international gymnastics and curling events in response to its invasion of Ukraine. The International Gymnastics Federation on Friday said Russian and Belarusian athletes or officials, including judges, will not be allowed to participate in sanctioned competitions, indefinitely. The World Curling Federation has banned Russia from its championships for the rest of the season. Both sports had previously canceled events scheduled in Russia. International sports organizers have scrambled to deal with the repercussions of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which began shortly after the end of the Beijing Olympics. The Paralympics began on Friday without Russians or Belarusians after other athletes threatened to boycott rather than compete against them. Russia was also banned from upcoming World Cup soccer qualifying matches. Most major sporting events scheduled to take place in Russia have been pulled. The World Curling Federation had already announced plans to relocate its European championships from Perm, Russia. Friday's announcement banned Russian teams from this year's men's, women's, seniors, juniors, wheelchair and mixed doubles world championships.



An apartment building damaged after a shelling Friday in the town of Irpin, west of Kyiv, Ukraine. OLEKSANDR RATUSHNIAK/AP

WAR IN UKRAINE COMMENTARY

Fight the losing battle

Russian sports ban likely won't cease Putin's war

By Paul Newberry

Associated Press

In the midst of Russia's brazen invasion of Ukraine, sports has again become intertwined with the grim realities of the world.

This is nothing new, of course. Germany was banned from the Olympics after both world wars. South Africa was long a sporting pariah over its apartheid system. The United States boycotted the 1980 Moscow Games as retribution for the Soviet invasion of

Afghanistan.
"It's naive for anyone to think sports and politics don't mix at all," Olympic historian Bill Mallon said Friday. "In an ideal world, they wouldn't. But I don't know how you get around it."

Sadly, there is nothing to indicate that Vladimir Putin will suddenly have a change of heart because his country's athletes are barred.

When Germany and its allies were banished from the Olympics after World War I, it hardly prevented an even more horrifying conflict from erupting less than two decades later.

Along the way, Adolf Hitler used the 1936 Summer Olympics to score major propaganda points for a regime on a clear path to igniting World War II.

South Africa was first banned from the Olympics in 1964, but it would take another quarter-century for its evil system of racial segregation to fall and there's little to indicate that sports played a major role in the epic transformation.

Ditto for the U.S. Olympic boycott of 1980, which led mainly to the Soviet Union launching its own boycott of the Los Angeles Games four years later. The Soviets didn't bail out of Afghanistan until 1989.

That's not to say the International Olympic Committee and most other major governing bodies were out of line when they quickly ousted Russia and its accomplice, Belarus, for waging a seemingly unprovoked war against a neighboring country. But no one should look at these sporting sanctions through rose-colored glasses.

"I don't think it has that much influence," said Usha Haley, a professor of international business and management at Wichita State University who extensively studied the effects of sanctions in South Africa. "Yes, there's a symbolic influence, and symbolism does matter. Appearing righteous does matter. But will it actually change anything? That's unlikely."

Mallon predicts that Russia will try to launch its own Olympic-style competition if the IOC ban remains heading into the 2024 Paris Games.

"I think they're going to end up doing a breakaway Olympics if they continue to be banned for very long, Mallon said.

Again, history provides a bit of a guide. In 1936, a People's Olympiad was planned for Barcelona to protest the Summer Olympics being held in Nazi Germany, drawing support from a sizable number of athletes as well as the Soviet Union. The outbreak of the Spanish Civil War scuttled those plans, and the alternate Olympics became a footnote in history when World War II broke out three years later. Mallon points to another Olympic-style event that did actually get off the ground in the midst of the Cold War.

After being suspended by the IOC over its politically charged hosting of the 1962 Asian Games, in which Taiwan and Israel were denied entry, Indonesia launched its own sporting organization, GANEFO, or Games of

the New Emerging Forces. Indonesian leader Sukarno, who had declared the Olympics to be "a tool of the imperialists and colonialists," welcomed a total of 51 nations to the inaugural GANEFO in 1963.

The People's Republic of China, which at the time was not recognized by the IOC, dominated the medal table. A team from "Arab Palestine" also participated. An Asian-only GANEFO was held in 1966, but plans for another full-scale games the following year in Cairo, Egypt were scuttled.

While the world seems largely united against Putin's Russia at the moment, Mallon can foresee Moscow pulling together some sort of GANEFO-style competition in 2024.

Countries such as Belarus, Syria and North Korea would likely participate, Mallon said, and don't rule out China and India sending teams to a Moscowled competition even if they're also taking part in the Paris Games.

In the meantime, the IOC-led sanctions against Russia and Belarus will undoubtedly raise more questions about the propriety of sports taking a side in these sort of conflicts.

In an ideal world, there would never be any need to comingle sports with political machinations or the horrors of war. Unfortunately, that ship sailed long ago.

AUTO RACING NASCAR PREVIEW

RCR confident a victory is coming

By Jenna Fryer | Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Tyler Reddick led 51 laps in NASCAR's season-opening exhibition, and when a mechanical problem knocked him out of the race he climbed into the stands to high-five fans.

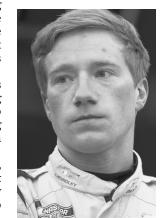
Austin Dillon, meanwhile, went on to finish third and salvage the day for Richard Childress Racing.

But the race didn't mean anything, so nothing to see here, right?

Not so fast, said reigning NASCAR champion Kyle Larson, who before the Daytona 500 listed Reddick as a driver to watch this

"I think Tyler Reddick is going to have an amazing season," said Larson, who praised Reddick for leading the pack during offseason testing.

"I feel when I watch him, I am watching myself just because we are both really aggressive and he seems to be even a little more aggressive and keeps things in control better than I could," Larson added. "He's the guy that I look at this year that I feel like is going to have the



Tyler Reddick helps lead an improved RCR team to Las Vegas Motor Speedway. SEAN GARDNER/GETTY

breakout season and win a lot of races."

Dillon and Reddick didn't show much in the Daytona 500, but when NASCAR shifted last week to Auto Club Speedway in California, RCR was again very good. Reddick led a race-high 90 laps last Sunday — a career high for Reddick — and won the first two stages of the race before he was doomed by a flat tire; Dillon was runner-up to winner Larson.

Now as NASCAR rolls into its third race of the season Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, the RCR cars really do seem much improved. So much so that Richard Childress expects to be making multiple trips to victory lane this season.

"I know we can win," Childress said this week. "We are going to win."

Childress is a NASCAR Hall of Famer who has fielded Cup Series cars for 49 years, tallying six championships with the late Dale Earnhardt and 109 victories. But the last decade has been lean with only four wins over the last eight seasons.

Dillon, his grandson, scored the last RCR victory at Texas in 2020 and RCR has not been a credible championship contender for years. But the organization has high hopes for NASCAR's new Next Gen race car and the early commitment to that effort from Chevrolet and ECR Engines.

"We definitely tried to be the guys to embrace this new car the earliest in the process. I think some of the teams probably didn't embrace it as much as we did," Dillon said. "This new car is going to level the playing field. That's what it was kind of built for. Everyone has pretty much the same stuff, it's just how you assemble it and the set-up choices you make going into the race.

There's a lot being learned at a high rate right now, so we're trying to take in all that data the best we can - as our company can - and make the best decisions going into the race so that we can adjust and make our car a little bit better than the other guys."

Back-to-back?

It took reigning NASCAR champion Kyle Larson only two races to get back into victory lane with his win last weekend in California.

He'll try to make it two-in-a-row at Las Vegas, where he's the defending race winner.

"Hopefully we get on a little streak," said Larson. Larson used streaks a year ago to win his first NASCAR championship and was the fourth different driver in Cup history to win three or more consecutive races multiple times in a single season.

The others? Dale Earnhardt (1987) Richard Petty (1967, 1971) and David Pearson (1968) – a trio of NASCAR Hall

Larson has eight top-10 finishes in 11 career starts at Las Vegas and FanDuel lists him as the 9-2 favorite Sunday.

New face on top

Austin Cindric opened the season with a big win in the Daytona 500 and has turned it into a historical moment: After a 12th-place finish at California, Cindric maintained the points lead to become the first rookie in NASCAR history to lead the Cup standings for more than one race. Cindric was the first rookie to win the season-opening

Seven-time series champion Jimmie Johnson is the only other driver to lead the standings as a rookie, but Johnson was atop the standings for just one week in 2002. Cindric leads Team Penske teammate Joey Logano by eight points in the standings.

10TORIN

COURANT.COM/CLASSIFIED/AUTOMOTIVE



The 2022 Hyundai Elantra has an inline four-cylinder that offers 147 horsepower and 132 pound-feet of torque. HYUNDAI

Elantra is a bone standard compact that owners can proudly parade through any neighborhood

By Henry Payne The Detroit News

he annual Cars on 5th auto show weekend on Naples' swank 5th Avenue main thoroughfare is a feast for the eyes. Car owners roll through the streets showing off their fancy Aston Martins, Mercedes, Audis and Lamborghinis.

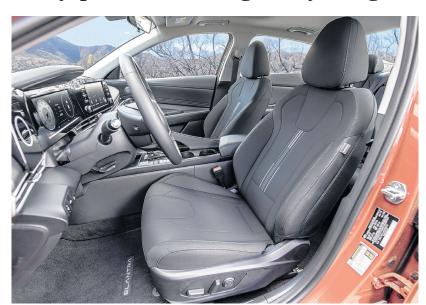
My \$20,995 Hyundai Elantra doesn't look out of place.

Bold black fascia with integrated, swept headlights like a Merc EQS. Swept tail like an Audi A7. Slashed body stampings like a Lambo Aventador. If Lamborghini made compact cars, they would be called Elantra. At a time when Detroit automakers are exiting the fun, affordable car space (I mourn the passing of the Ford Focus and Chevy Spark), their foreign peers have stepped up with a Whitman's Sampler candy assortment of delicious morsels.

With its daring styling and generous suite of standard features, the 2022 Elantra is a bone standard compact that owners can proudly parade through any American neighborhood. My vacation tester wore a hip premium wardrobe: black grille, black window trim, black wheels set against a dark gray body. Dude, is that the Batmobile? My former Detroit News colleague Pam Shermeyer was always on the lookout for cool base wheel covers in a sea of dreadful, silver plastic designs. Pam, you'd like these.

The Elantra's standard black, 17-inch rims match its body stampings — triangular shards rotating around the five-wheel lugs. Walking down 5th Avenue, I found myself stopping and circling mid-engine Corvettes littered along the curbs, marveling at the way designers integrated its multiple surfaces.

I found myself doing the same with the Elantra. With more sharp edges than a drawer-full of knives, its surfaces somehow work in harmony. I pulled up next to an Audi RS5, sporting a huge black grille and 20-inch shard-spoked wheels. But next to Elantra, the RS5 seemed tame. Check out the minute detail on the Elantra's grille, each segment



The Elantra has an 8-inch display, HD radio and wireless Android Auto and Apple CarPlay. DREW PHILLIPS/HYUNDAI

a triangle. Or the lower spoiler, the Hyundai a plateful of triangular quesadilla slices.

The Elantra is not a hatchback like the RS5 — hatches are expensive to do — but it looks like one. The roofline meets the C-pillar in a long arc that tapers to an elegant swan's tail.

The exterior hints at the attention to detail within. I marvel these days at the democratization of autos with luxury chariots boasting of electronic gizmos now routine in mainstream cars like Elantra costing tens of thousands less. My \$21,000 had everything I needed.

Walking up to the Hyundai, it recognized the key in my pocket with NFC (Near Field Communication) — Elantra comes standard with key fob and push-button start - lighting up the door handle so I could find it even in the dark. I compressed the wee door-handle button and the door unlocked.

I slipped into comfortable cloth seats that never chafed despite a week of constant driving. It's comfort that can be enjoyed by four passengers as Elantra features generous back seat space. Farther back, the truck swallowed two bags, a tennis bag, briefcase and a beach chair with room to spare.

Like those plastic wheel covers,

the standard interior is full of premium touches. Instrument and console displays are integrated, Mercedes-like, into one panel across the dash. The console takes a page from Corvette with a flying buttress separating driver from passenger doubling as an Oh, Crap! handle for Mrs. Payne if needed.

My wife is used to my sudden Hyde-like transformations when I see twisty roads, and she'll instinctively grab for a handle. Like its front-wheel-drive compact class brethren, fun comes standard in the Elantra with its low center of gravity and short wheelbase. Though lacking the Civic's razor-sharp dynamics, it is fun to drive fast.

Which, as in southeast Michigan, isn't often in Naples with its flat landscape and gridded roads. The standard features most drivers will find useful are electronic.

Push the start button and Elantra comes to life. Wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto are standard, so I never had to remove my phone from my pocket. The system does require patience to boot up the eight-inch screen slowly recognizing "Henry's Smartphone G70" and then Android Auto for navigation, Spotify, etc.

Smartphone apps are way ahead

of even the best luxury navi systems. Lounging on the beach, my wife and I had searched destinations from restaurants to retail stores. When we transitioned to the car, they instantly came up on Android Auto. When I needed to add a destination mid-trip, I simply barked at Android Auto – its voice recognition better than any luxe vehicle at Cars on 5th — and it changed my route.

Cruising Tamiami Trail, my Elantra bristled with safety features to keep my distance from the six-figure chariots around me. Forward collision-avoidance assist with pedestrian detection is standard, as is auto braking when in reverse. Backing out of a parking spot, the Hyundai detected a passing car – WUNK! — the car instantly applied brakes to prevent contact.

Manufacturers differ on whether blind-spot-assist or adaptive cruise control is the more important safety feature. Hyundai offers BLIS standard — Honda and Toyota ACC. I missed the ability of ACC to navigate Naples traffic, but BLIS not only makes lane changes safe, it also saved my having to crane my neck to check blind spots.

Only at Naples stoplights did the Elantra betray its, um, lower-price status. While luxe chariots around me were powered by boosted, turbocharged-or-supercharged mega-mills, my Hyundai had a mere 147-horsepower four-banger powered by a continuously variable transmission. Rolling out of a stoplight next to a BMW 3 Series, I flattened the throttle and the engine screamed — hamsters peddling the hamster wheel for all they were worth. To no avail. Elantra drivers can take solace that their hamsters sip gas at 37 mpg, making it easy in the wallet, if not the ego.

Elantra buyers can trade up for the \$32,945, turbo-goosed N model to go BMW hunting with 267 horsepower, limited-slip differential, 19-inch wheels and proper engine growl still for \$12K less than a comparable BMW. And like the base Elantra, it will give up nothing to the German in wireless tech, interior screen size and exterior cool when you cruise down 5th Avenue.

Chrysler Pacifica, Ram Crew Cab receive top safety ratings

By Breana Noble The Detroit News

The 2022 Chrysler Pacifica minivan and Ram 1500 Crew Cab truck secured top safety ratings from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The Pacifica earned the Top Safety Pick+ rating for the second consecutive year, and the Ram truck earned Top Safety Pick for a third consecutive year.

Both vehicles achieved

the highest possible ratings in each of six crashworthiness tests, and their automatic emergency braking was labeled "superior."

"The 2022 Chrysler Pacifica delivers on our firm commitment to provide customers with superior safety," Chrysler brand CEO Chris Feuell said in a statement.

"Pacifica remains the ideal choice for anyone seeking the greatest combination of safety, innovative technology and value," Feuell's statement said.

Headlights determined to be "marginal" kept the Ram pickup from the "plus" rating.

"The Ram 1500 Crew Cab's winning streak underlines our ongoing pledge to deliver exceptional vehicle safety," Mike Koval Jr., head of the Ram brand, said in a statement.

"Our customers use their trucks to provide for their families or help their communities. We want them to do so, safely," Koval

IIHS recognized 65 models with the Top Safety Pick+ award in 2022 as improved headlight offerings boost more vehicles into the top tier.

Another 36 models earned the lower-tier Top Safety Pick. Hyundai Motor Co. won the most awards with 11 Top Safety Pick+ and 10 Top Safety Pick awards for a total of 21.



The 2022 Ram 1500 Crew Cab earned a Top Safety Pick rating. STELLANTIS NV/TNS





The 2022 Kia EV6 is an electric vehicle that's sure to be in high demand. KIA

AUTO REVIEW

2022 Kia EV6 an affordable, fun-to-drive sporty vehicle

By Larry Printz Tribune News Service

When it comes to battery electric vehicles, it may seem as if the truly sporty ones are reserved for the rich. After all, who outside the upper 5% is buying a Porsche Taycan? But should the rest of us be envious? Of course not. The Taycan is fun, but in the onrushing flood of EVs $\,$ coming to market, some are sure to be fun to drive while costing a whole lot

Granted, the \$40,900 starting price of Kia's new EV6 electric vehicle doesn't exactly qualify it as a bargain basement contender, but it's a whole lot easier to swallow than the six-figure sticker affixed to a Taycan. It's also less than a Tesla Model Y, not to mention more than most people expect to pay for a Kia.

You can excuse the automaker for feeling its oats after the success of the Telluride, an SUV so popular that Kia executives call it the Selluride. Clever quips aside, the Selluride – um, Telluride – has brought in a different, more affluent customer to the Kia brand. And while they're in the showroom remember those? — they might just take a fancy to the EV6, and there's plenty to admire.

2022 Kia EV6

Base prices: \$40,900-\$55,900 Power: 168 kWh electric motor EPA fuel economy (city/ **highway):** 143/101 mpg-e Range: 310 miles Charge time (DC fast charger): 18 minutes (to 80%) **Ground clearance:** 6.1 inches Payload: 1,080 pounds

The EV6 is far from Kia's first electric vehicle; that honor falls to the 2014 Kia Soul. It's no longer offered; the Niro now takes its place in the Kia lineup, joined by the new EV6.

The EV6 is built on the company's Electric-Global Modular Platform (E-GMP), a skateboard architecture that houses the batteries, motors and other key components below the load floor. Combine that with the fact that EVs use fewer components than internal combustion engines, and you'll find that it provides for a cabin that's far larger than you'd expect.

The overall vibe is minimalist, and trimmed in what the company calls vegan leather.

The instrument panel is dominated by a large, horizontal screen that houses a 12.3-inch reconfigurable gauge cluster and an equally large infotainment touch screen.

The curvy roads around Napa Valley, California. proved to be the perfect spot to learn about this electric buggy's capabilities. Being that its handling was developed by Albert Biermann, formerly of BMW M, the EV6 is a revelation when tackling the twisties. Steering proves linear, with a quick, sharp feel that's ideally weighted. Body lean is well controlled, and the instant-on torque provides for rapid off-the-line starts and more than enough punch when you need that extra burst of speed.

Thoughtfully, the regenerative braking can be adjusted via steering wheel mounted paddles, so that when you lift off the throttle, the cars slows appreciably or not much at all. It's your choice.

All of this makes for an EV that's sure to be in high demand and a must-drive for anyone considering an EV. It's so good, it's sure to steal sales away from other carmakers' EVs.

Consider it another Selluride from Kia.

Larry Printz is an *automotive journalist* based in South Florida. Readers may send him email at TheDriving Printz@gmail.com.

A timely answer about a GPS clock that went back in time



Motormouth

O: This morning in your column was a question concerning a 2011 Acura RDX clock error. I believe it has a GPS navigation system. On Jan. 1, 2022, the GPS time reverted back to 2002. GPS time is calculated in epochs, starting from a known date and going forward 1024 weeks. If the RDX clock is 1 hour off, my recommendation is leave it. Doing a manual reset of the clock time does not work. Also, if the battery gets disconnected, the clock will really act crazy. My 2010 Crosstour clock is now 1 hour, 14 minutes slow. The clock should self-correct in August. - S.B., Colorado Springs, Colorado

A: Thanks to you, and other alert readers who pointed out this snafu. It slipped below — way below - my radar. This isn't the first time I got a question about time to which I provided an untimely answer. I will try harder next time.

Q: I own a 2015 Hyundai Azera with 16,000 miles on it and used only for short trips. If I don't drive it every day, it won't start. I purchased a new battery in January 2020 when I started having trouble starting the car, but I still had trouble. I purchased a new battery in July 2021, but the problem still exists. I took the car to two different local car shops. and both said that something was draining the battery, but they could not find the problem. I charge the battery overnight and it starts the next morning.



Concerning a 2011 Acura RDX clock error: On Jan. 1, 2022, the GPS time reverted back to 2002. DREAMSTIME

Whenever I jump it the car, it starts right away. J.V., Downers Grove, Illinois

A: Tracking down a phantom battery drain can take time, lots of time. Typically, the mechanic will connect an ammeter to the battery and disable circuits one at a time until the meter indicates no current flowing. But that is only the beginning as locating the problem in the circuit is rather demanding. Care must also be taken not to remove power from any system that may disable a system or device modularly controlled. For instance, the power windows may no longer function when power is restored.

Q: I have a 2008 GMC Canyon pickup truck, 3.7-liter Vortec engine. I am having an intermittent ignition problem that I can't figure out. Once or twice a week, but not all the time, I turn the key to start the truck and get nothing. I have complete electrical otherwise lights, horn, radio, clock, interior lights, etc. If I wait exactly 10 minutes, I turn the key and the engine starts. Is there some kind of relay switch, sensor or circuit breaker someplace that does not reset occasionally for some

reason and keeps me from starting? I know this is an old vehicle, but it still runs great. Any tips or insight you can give would be greatly appreciated. Love your column.

- R.F., Fort Lauderdale, **Florida**

A: Once you mentioned that the problem disappeared after 10 minutes. I had the clue I needed. General Motors' Pass Lock anti-theft system disables the car for exactly 10 minutes if the wrong key is used or there is tampering. It may be poor communication between the key and the ignition switch. Often the problem is with the ignition switch. and replacing the switch is often the answer. But before you do anything, try your spare key.

Bob Weber is a writer and mechanic who became an ASE-certified Master Automobile Technician in 1976. He maintains this status by seeking certification every five years. Weber's work appears in professional trade magazines and other consumer publications. His writing also appears in automotive trade publications, Consumer Guide and Consumers Digest. Send questions along with name and town to motormouth. tribune@gmail.com.



Remember the Time

Commemorate a historic day or a special moment in your own life with a page print from our archives.

Hartford Courant

STORE -

Shop now at courant.com/moment or call (866) 545-3534

WEATHER



Mixed clouds and sunshine, seasonable. Southwest wind around 5 mph.

HIGH Mostly cloudy **44**° breezy and mild, chance for some LOW the morning.

NOON SUNSET SUNRISE HIGH **63** showers, mainly in LOW 45°

∆ ථ

SUNDAY

SUNRISE Mostly cloudy and 0 mild with showers.

MONDAY

SUNSET SUNRISE NOON HIGH some afternoon sunshine is LOW 36

Morning clouds, a possible shower, possible.

TUESDAY

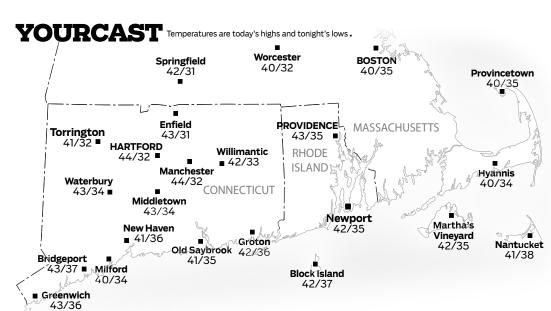
SUNSET HIGH LOW 28

<u></u> ∴ ;;-

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET Mostly cloudy and HIGH 0 cool. LOW 32°

WEDNESDAY





Seattle 51/36/PC 30 Billings Portland Lebanon 33/15/C 51/35/PC 50s 39/24/PC 30s^O 41/25/R 20s 40s 10 00 Philadelphia 52/44/PC 0 San 30s 20s Francisco: Chicago 309 Anchorage 40/24/SF 37/06/5 O 61/41/PC 405 Washington D.C. Juneau 408 Los 41/38/SH Angeles 59/45/PC Kansas City 73/33/C 50s 40s 60s Phoenix **Dallas** 68/44/PC 77/62/C 71/55/PG 80s 80s Honolulu 80s Houston _ 80/65/0 Miami 80\$

OUTLOOK

High pressure will bring a mixture of clouds and sunshine with seasonable temperatures on Saturday, as highs top off in the low to mid-40s. The wind will be southwest at around 5 mph. A warm front will cause mostly cloudy skies overnight. A couple showers are possible late at night, especially in the western half of the state. Some showers will linger Sunday morning, then there could be some afternoon sunshine. Temperatures will be turning unseasonably mild with highs ranging from the upper 50s to the mid-60s. It will remain quite mild on Monday.

-Gary Lessor

ALMANAC

Precipitation In Inches Total Normal Yesterday (by 7 p.m.) 0.00 0.12 0.17 0.49 Month to date Total this year 6.48 6.90 Snowfall In Inches Yesterday (by 4 p.m.) 0.0 0.5 Total this year 26.3 43.0

Air Ouality Forecast For Today

Precipitation, temperature at

Windsor Locks

Good 50	Moderate 3	13°
Air Quality Today	Ultraviolet Index Today	Wind Chill Today
Sunrise	Today 6:20 a.m.	Tomorrow 6:18 a.m.

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:20 a.m.	6:18 a.m.
Sunset	5:45 p.m.	5:46 p.m.
Moonrise	7:58 a.m.	8:21 a.m.
Moonset	9:09 p.m.	10:14 p.m.

Moon Phase						
Full Mar 18	Last Mar 25	New Apr 1				
	Full					

Stockholm

Sydney

Tel Aviv

Tokvo

Toronto

Vancouver

Warsaw

86 73 SH

57 45 R

45 37 C

50 37 S

83 65 PC

48 30 C

25 23 PC

34 21 SN

79 68 SH

82 61 PC

37 23 C

52 32

41 27

91 75

Kinaston

Lisbon

London

Madrid

Milan

Montreal

Moscow

New Delhi

Rio de Janeiro 93 72

Nassau

Paris

Seoul

Singapore

Prague

Mexico City

1.2 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0	2/20	2/27	
'ides	High	Low	Temp.
I.L. State Pier	11:07 a.m.	5:22 a.m.	39°
	11:33 p.m.	5:35 p.m.	
aybrook Jetty	12:18 a.m.	6:15 a.m.	39°
	p.m.	6:28 p.m.	
Connecticut River	2:39 a.m.	10:01 a.m.	
t Portland	3:01 p.m.	10:14 p.m.	
//adison	12:19 a.m.	6:31 a.m.	38°
	12:42 p.m.	6:47 p.m.	
lew Haven	12:39 a.m.	6:55 a.m.	38°
	1:02 p.m.	7:11 p.m.	
tamford	12:43 a.m.	6:09 a.m.	39°
	1:06 p.m.	7:25 p.m.	

30-day Precipitation History In Inches

River Stage at Hartford: 6.08 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Weather	VCloudy	VCloudy	VCloudy
Wind	W/SW, 5	W, 5-10	W, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	1 ft.	1-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Friday	36 at 3:59 p.m	14 at 5:54 p.m
Normal for date	43	25
Record for date	67 in 1974	2 in 1950
A year ago	41	24
Range this year	71	-2

Season Normal

Last

Season

Low

30.38 at 4 p.m.

2° at 1 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above: **NEW ENGLAND** Baltimore 56 47 PC Nashville 76 60 PC 84 74 SH Budapest

New York

Okla. City

Omaha

Orlando

Raleigh

St. Louis

San Antonio

Pittsburgh

New Orleans 79 66 PC

44 43 PC

78 41 PC

65 25 T

85 61 PC

62 53 PC

67 56 PC

80 66 C

73 44

Tucson

Athens

Bangkok

Beijing

Beirut

Berlin

Barbados

WORLD

Amsterdam

71 42 PC

48 28

61 46

95 81

84 72

52 28

65 53 PC

43 28 C

68 62 PC

S Dubai

30 13 C 48 27 C

78 59 PC

59 56 PC

69 55 PC

80 56 PC

55 41 C

Concord	41 24 PC	Buffalo
Montpelier	34 25 PC	Charleston
Mt. Wash.	20 18 PC	Cincinnati
Portland	38 30 PC	Cleveland
Woods Hole NATION	41 35 PC	Indianapolis Jacksonville Las Vegas

35 22 PC

Miami Beach 79 75 PC 41 33 PC Albany 49 45 PC

SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Conference Tournaments

Diakite 2-0-6, Totals 23-3-56.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CIAC State Tournaments Class **LL**—Second Round Lower Bracket

GIRLS HOCKEY

Maren Riley, 36

RESULTS

NCCC-Final

Shoreline—Final CROMWELL 55, MORGAN 39

BOYS BASKETBALL

Conference Tournaments

SMSA 72, GRANBY 58

NWC

CRAL-Final

20-8-51.

EC

CCC-Final (Enfield HS)

THURSDAY'S LATE HIGH

BRISTOL CENTRAL 63, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 56

1-0-3, London Jemison 3-0-6, Gianni Mirabello 4-0-11, Matt Curtis 12-3-38, Hayden Abdullah 1-0-2, Badara

BRISTOL CENTRAL (24-0): Victor Rosa 0-1-1, Damion

14 12 15 15 - 56 19 11 16 17 - 63

Glasper 3-0-7, Steve Alseph 1-0-3, Carson Rivoira

3-0-7, Donovan Clingan 22-1-45. Totals 30-2-63.

ACHIEVEMENT FIRST 72, CAPITAL PREP 61

MIDDLETOWN 70, STAMFORD 51 STAMFORD (15-10): Breanna Jacobs 6-2-14, Isabella

Edwards 3-1-7, Madison Lockery 2-1-5, Tiffany Cadet

1-0-2, Jade Hutchinson 1-1-3, Samantha Albert 2-2-6,

Chloe Sotell 4-0-11, Pauline Vlahakis 1-1-3. Totals

MIDDLETOWN (19-3): Shalyn Smith 10-3-25, Jada

Bryant 4-2-10, Alexa DeSena 2-0-4, Tvah Pettaway

15 8 10 18 - 51 11 23 15 21 - 70

1 1 2 - 4 1 0 1 - 2

S-Sydney Butler, 24.

5-2-13, Shadae Bushay 7-2-18. Totals 28-9-70.

CHSGHA State **Tournament**—Quarterfinal **EAST CATHOLIC CO-OP 4, STAMFORD CO-OP 2**

Goals: EC-Meghan Croyle (3), Mary McKiernan

S-Annie Forker, Meadow Gilchrist. Saves: EC-

FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL

GRANBY (18-5): Declan Lynch 4-0-12, Justin Phillips

Rossi 4-0-8. Totals 24-2-58. SMSA (19-4): King Shaw 11-3-25, Nizayiah Bogar 2-0-5, Makhi Bond 2-1-5, Abijah Miller 4-1-9, Kemani

Thompson 4-0-8, Daniel Hernandez 8-2-18, Zahkeer Kerr 1-0-2. Totals 32-7-72.

Note: Thompson had 11 rebounds, 6 assists, 4 steals, Miller had 13 rebounds and Bogar had 6 assists.

BRISTOL CENTRAL (12-11): Ella Watson 2-0-5, Brooke

Watson 1-1-4. Kaley Laird 0-1-1. Ariana Rivera 1-1-3.

Lillian Sirois 5-6-17, Callie Lodovico 0-1-1. Totals

NEWINGTON (23-2): Lilly Ferguson 7-1-17, Karissa

Zocco 4-0-9, Bela Cucuta 4-0-12, Marlie Zocco 1-0-3, Kendall Miller 1-3-5, Arianna Barnes 0-2-2, Nadjah Dalomba 1-0-2, Selah Prignano 4-1-11, Brianna

FITCH (13-10): Rita Sefransky 5-0-10, Dreana Single-

ton 1-0-2, Grace Jenkins 2-0-4, Laura Johnson 3-1-7,

Mariette El Khoury 6-0-16, Meleeya Robbins 2-0-4.

MERCY (19-5): Avery Kohs 1-2-4, Sophie Hedge 6-1-14, Kate Donlan 3-2-8, Ava Giansiracusa 5-2-14, Melina Ford 2-2-6, London Knox 2-0-4, Lily

Schoonmaker 3-0-6, Caelyn McMahon-Egan 3-3-12, Mercedes Artatz 1-1-3. Totals 26-13-71.

7 5 10 9 - 31 18 14 19 17 - 68

11 12 7 13 - 43 17 28 13 13 - 71

Gadarowski 2-0-5, Omayra Batista 1-0-2. Totals

PRINCE TECH AT ABBOTT TECH, LATE

NEWINGTON 68, BRISTOL CENTRAL 31

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CIAC State Tournaments Class **L**—Second Round Upper Bracket

25-7-68.

MERCY 71, FITCH 43

Totals 19-1-43.

BC

18 10 7 23 - 58 20 16 17 19 - 72

8-1-18, Josh Brown 5-0-13, John Bell 4-0-8, Ralph

58 51 PC Bermuda 53 39 C San Diego KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms

E.O. SMITH 68, BETHEL 47

GUILFORD 42, TORRINGTON 37

Salt Lake City 48 33 SH

SIMSBURY 51, WETHERSFIELD 41 **FARMINGTON 47, MALONEY 37** NOTRE DAME-FAIRFIELD 59, NORTH HAVEN 17

Class M-Second Round Upper Bracket VALLEY REGIONAL 61, NORTH BRANFORD 53 NEW FAIRFIELD 43, GRANBY 18 HOLY CROSS 83, WATERTOWN 60 **MONTVILLE 49, OXFORD 48**

Lower Bracket CROMWELL 53, WOLCOTT 40
WOLCOTT (10-12): Amanda Sullivan 7-1-17, Mayci Abou Arrage 1-2-4, Julia Sullivan 2-0-4, Mimi Reilly

> CROMWELL (19-5): Grace Mikan 4-0-12 Cameryn Hickey 2-10-15, Brynn Kovacs 1-1-3, Jessica Grodzicki 4-1-11, Nevaeh Clark 2-0-6, Adela Cecunjanin 2-2-6. Totals 15-14-53.

I-0-2, Lauryn Sinclair 2-1-5, Amber Vincent 3-2-8.

8 11 11 10 - 40 8 11 12 22 - 53

Note: Hickey had 9 rebounds and was 8-for-10 from the FT line in the 4th quarter. Grodzicki had 6 assists. **BACON ACADEMY 77, GRISWOLD 34**

GRISWOLD (13-10): Haley Eliasson 0-2-2, Audrey Giroux 2-1-5, Natalie Becotte 1-0-2, Sonja Mathew son 2-4-8, Lindsey Van Lanen 5-3-17, Totals 10-10-34, BACON ACADEMY (21-3): Grace Saldana 0-2-2, Ariel Nair 1-0-3, Valerie Luizzi 5-0-13, Katelyn Novak 3-2-9, Marissa Nudd 6-6-20, Cara Shea 6-4-16, Elizabeth Glover 5-0-10, Emma Mancuso 2-0-4. Totals 28-14-78.

9 8 3 14 - 34 18 21 25 13 - 77

Of **note:** Shea's 16 points were a career high and she added 7 rebounds.

EAST HAMPTON 43, STONINGTON 24 SEYMOUR 64, MORGAN 38

Class S-Second Round

THOMASTON 50, COGINCHAUG 28 COGINCHAUG (12-10): Hannah Nielsen 1-3-5, Sophie

Farr 1-0-2, Serena Fournier 2-0-4, Katie Farr 4-0-8. Alyssa Woodward 1-0-2, Mia Poturnicki 2-0-4, Allison Strang 1-1-3. Totals 12-4-28. THOMASTON (18-3): Aurelia Barker 2-0-6, Kylie

Decker 1-0-3, Nicole Decker 9-3-22, Payton Mozelak 1-0-3, Ava Harkness 5-0-10, Emma Sanson 1-1-3, Kiera Fainer 1-0-3. Totals 20-4-50.

6 6 11 10 22 13 5 - 50

BOLTON 54, STAFFORD 31 SOMERS 59, ELLIS TECH 26 GILBERT 93, SHEPAUG 34

Lower Bracket **HOUSATONIC 39, WINDSOR LOCKS 32** WINDSOR LOCKS (14-10): Alana Picard 4-1-11, Ange lina Jones 2-0-6, Tristin Oberg 3-4-10, Jasmine Hurdle 1-0-3, Gabby Sales 1-0-2. Totals 11-5-32. HOUSATONIC (16-6): Tessa Decker 2-2-6, Alessia Celik 1-0-3, Sidney Segalla 7-3-17, Josie Marks 1-0-3, Lou Haemmerle 1-0-2, Tori Dodge 3-1-8. Totals

WL 7 6 9 10 - 32 8 11 6 14 - 39

Note: Oberg had a double-double with 11 rebounds, 2 blocks, Jones had 6 rebounds, 6 steals, 4 assists and Picard had 6 steals, 3 assists

OLD LYME 41, PARISH HILL 11 **COVENTRY 63, LYMAN MEMORIAL 30** IMMACULATE 52, WINDHAM TECH 32

BOYS HOCKEY Conference Tournaments

15-6-39.

ccc-Finals

WETHERSFIELD AT NORTHWEST CATHOLIC, LATE ENFIELD CO-OP AT E.O. SMITH/TOLLAND, LATE SCC-Final

NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 5, XAVIER 0

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

GIRLSHOCKEY

CHSGHA State Tournament - Semifinals (The Rinks

No. 5 East Catholic co-op (14-7-5)vs. No. 1 New Canaan (22-0-1), 6 p.m. No. 6 Avon co-op (18-4-2) vs. No. 2 Darien (14-3-2),

41 26

77 63

48 26

50 41

59 41

88 68 S

50 32 PC

36 21 PC

81 64 PC

Buenos Aires 82 70

Johannesburg 77 57

Cairo

Cancun

Dublin

Helsinki

Edinburgh

Hong Kong

Jerusalem

GIRLS GYMNASTICS CIAC State Open at New Milford HS. 10 a.m.

FRIDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA Div. III **Tourney**—First Round **PENN STATE-HARRISBURG 63, ST. JOSEPH 53** HUSSON AT WESLEYAN, LATE

MEN'S HOCKEY

VERMONT AT UCONN, LATE ECAC **Tourney**—First Round (Game 1; best-of-3) **YALE AT COLGATE, LATE**

WOMEN'S HOCKEY ECAC **Tourney**—Semifinal (New Haven) **YALE 3, PRINCETON 1 COLGATE 3, QUINNIPIAC 2** NEWHA Tourney—Semifinal
FRANKLIN PIERCE 2, SACRED HEART 0

BASEBALL

WESTERN KENTUCKY 11, HARTFORD 2 QUINNIPIAC 8, JAMES MADISON 2 FAIRFIELD 7, ST. JOSEPH'S (PA.) 2 CENTRAL AT NAVY, PPD.

UCONN AT FIU, LATE
YALE AT WASHINGTON, LATE SACRED HEART AT STETSON, LATE

SOFTBALL

Carolina Classic (Chapel Hill, N.C.)
UNC GREENSBORO 6, UCONN 0
LSU Invitational/ULL Crossover (Lafayette, La.) LOUSIANA TECH 3, CENTRAL 2 LOUISIANA 12, CENTRAL 0 (5)
NFCA Div. III Leadoff Classic (Columbus, Ga.) SALISBURY 7, EASTERN 4
* Eastern vs. East Texas Baptist, late
San Diego Classic (La Jolla, Calif.)

BYU 8, YALE 0 UC-SAN DIEGO 9, YALE 1 Amy S. Harrison Classic (Riverside, Calif.) OREGON STATE 8, SACRED HEART 0 (6) UC-RIVERSIDE 12, SACRED HEART 0 (5)

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL Quinnipiac at Iona, 1 p.m. Fairfield at St. Peter's, 1 p.m.

DePaul at UConn (Gampel), 3 p.m. Brown at Yale, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Yale at Brown, 2 p.m.

Rider at Quinnipiac, 2 p.m. Fairfield at St. Peter's, 7 p.m. Big East **Tourney**—Quarterfinals (Mohegan Sun) Georgetown at UConn, noon America East Tourney—Quarterfinal Hartford at Maine, 1 p.m.

MEN'S HOCKEY Vermont at UConn, 3 p.m.

NESCAC Tourney—Semifinal (Waterville, Maine)
Williams vs. Trinity, 1 p.m. ECAC Tourney—First Round (Game 2; best-of-3) Yale at Colgate, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY Hockey East Tourney—Fina UConn at Northeastern, 7 p.m.

ECAC Tourney—Final Colgate at Yale, 3 p.m.

BASEBALL

Eastern at Hood (2), noon Central at Navy, 1 p.m. Fairfield at St. Joseph's (Pa.), 1 p.m. Hartford at Western Kentucky, 2 p.m. Quinnipiac at James Madison, 2 p.m. Sacred Heart vs. Bethune-Cookman (Deland, Fla.),

Yale at Washington (2), 3 p.m. UConn at FIU, 6 p.m

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

40 26 PC

82 68 SH

64 50 PC

66 39 PC

41 39 PC

50 36 S

37 25 S

Weather page produced by

WESTERN

UNIVERSITY

CONNECTICUT

Weather Center

Rules committee recommends appeal to targeting penalties

Heating Degree Days

60 HIGHS

Atmosphere

Barometer

Dew point

For July 1 - March 4 4125

30-day Temperature History

Associated Press

Players ejected for targeting in the second half of a college football game could be eligible to play the following game after an appeal through the conference office, if a recommendation handed down Friday by the NCAA rules committee is approved.

After four days of meetings in Indianapolis, the committee also recommended penalizing all open field blocks below the waist and creating an investigation process for allegations of a team faking injuries that could lead to conferences penalizing schools and coaches.

Recommendations need approval from the playing rules oversight panel in April.

The committee discussed changing how the game clock is managed to shorten games by both time and number of plays, but decided not to act.

The average FBS game was 3 hours, 28 minutes last season and included about 137 offensive plays.

Shaving time and plays out of college football games has become a discussion point recently as conference commissioners considered possibly expanding the playoff, a move that could increase the maximum length of a season to 16 or even 17 games for a few teams.

The rules committee has been looking at ways to discourage the faking of injuries, mostly by defensive players to slow down up-tempo offenses, for several years.

Rules makers remained apprehensive to step in through in-game alterations. The concern has been that a rule requiring players who are treated on the field to miss a minimum number of plays would incentivize players who are actually hurt to play through an injury.

"So now for questionable game action, the institution or the conference can consult the national coordinator of officials to facilitate a video review. And if there are findings that will now go back to the conference office, and the conference office will deal with the institution, the coach, to get that corrected." national coordinator of officials

Steve Shaw said.

High

30.55 at 9 a.m.

7° at 2 p.m.

Suggested punishments were not recommended, but Stanford coach David Shaw, chairman of the rules committee, said he would prefer coaches face "severe penalties" for coaching players to feign injuries.

"This is one of those things that is getting taught that is unethical," David Shaw said. "So as best we can to drive this out, hopefully, we'll get some partnership from conference officials, conference commissioners, leaning on some of these coaches that are teaching things unethical."

The targeting foul has been a constant point of contention among coaches, players and fans, but there has been no serious movement toward changing it. Targeting, implemented in its current form in 2008, results in a 15-yard penalty, plus the ejection of the flagged player.

Players ejected in the first half of a game do not have to miss the following game. Players ejected at any point in the second half are required to sit out the first half of the following game.

Under the committee's proposal, the conference office can submit a request to the national coordinator of officials to review a second-half targeting foul.

David Shaw said if it is clearly obvious the targeting call was incorrect, it would be retroactively overturned and the player would be permitted to play in the first half of the following game.

"The committee strongly supports the targeting rule and believes it continues to directly support player health and safety and technique," David Shaw said.

Tweaks have been made in recent years to the way targeting is reviewed by video officials in-game that have led to more fouls called on the field being overturned.

Some coaches have called for a two-level targeting foul, with only the most flagrant drawing an ejection.

Rules makers have been reluctant to make the penalty less punitive, saying it has helped change player behavior and decreased the number of dangerous hits — though it has been difficult to quantify these observations



Scan with your Smartphone to tore mobile website hop at the Hartford Courant

PO Box 569, Hartford, CT 06141-0569 • Please deliver in home March 3 and March 4 "NON-MACH"

Cooking more at home? Want the latest on the hottest restaurants? Want to share that new recipe?

Join the Courant's cooking club online at www.facebook.com/groups/CourantCookingClub to share recipes, tips and take part in exclusive cooking demonstrations and live Q&As.

You can also get the latest on the restaurant scene and dining trends in Connecticut mailed directly to your inbox by subscribing to the Courant's Food & Drink newsletter. Please go to courant.com/newsletters for more information.



By Daniel Neman St. Louis Post-Dispatch

t's a weeknight. You already know what you're making for the main course — what about a side dish? You could steam some green beans, again. You could steam some asparagus, again. You

could bake a potato, again. But you have been there and you have

definitely done that. You want a vegetable side dish that

does justice to your entrée. But it's a weeknight, so you want it to be simple. Simple but satisfying.

After perusing perhaps 200 vegetable recipes, I can definitely state that, according to them, there is one consistent, no-fail method to sprucing up your vegetables: add cream. I don't care what the vegetable is, dousing it in a gallon or two of heavy cream is going to make it taste better.

If you have an exceptional metabolism or are a boxer trying to step up a

class in weight, I recommend it. Otherwise, you might be happier trying these other four vegetable dishes. Each one is quick, simple and unfussy.

Mushroom rice with turmeric, for instance, is a vast improvement on ordinary rice. The rice is cooked with mushrooms, onion and garlic, and flavored (and colored) with turmeric. Instead of water, it is cooked with chicken broth, which is a surefire way to make your rice more flavorful, and it is mostly cooked in the oven instead of on the

Next up is green beans with mustard sauce. Do not be daunted by the thought of a mustard sauce. That term is far too fancy for what this sauce is. It's just a mixture of olive oil, lemon juice and a bit of Dijon mustard. But that mixture, which is just the simplest of vinaigrettes, does magical things to a plate of

hot green beans. A basic vinaigrette also provides the necessary balance to an Italian favorite, three bean salad.

The three beans in question are cannellini beans (or any white beans), garbanzo beans and lentils.

Beans, of course, are noted for their earthiness, so they need something to enliven them. That's where the vinaigrette comes in. The mixture here of olive oil, white wine vinegar and lemon juice perks up the flavors and brings the dish to life.

My last weeknight vegetable side dish is the easiest of all. And to many Americans, it is the least familiar.

Parsnips are a forgotten vegetable in this country, despite being quite delicious. A root vegetable, their taste is probably closer to carrots than anything else, but the flavor is actually unique. They are earthy but a little sweet. And if you roast them, they become sweeter

To roast parsnips, all you have to do is peel them and cut them into pieces. Toss the pieces in olive oil, salt and pepper, and cook them in the oven. What could be simpler?

Mushroom rice with turmeric

Makes: 4 to 6 servings 34 pound mushrooms 1½ tablespoons butter 1/2 cup finely chopped onion

1 clove garlic, finely minced 1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric 1 cup uncooked rice

1 bay leaf 11/4 cups chicken broth Salt and pepper 1. Preheat oven to 400

degrees. 2. Remove the stems from the mushrooms. Cut the mushroom caps into ¼-inch cubes. There should be about 2 cups. 3. Heat butter in ovenproof saucepan with

tight-fitting lid and add onion and garlic. Cook about 2 minutes and add mushroom. Cook about 5 minutes, frequently stirring. Sprinkle with turmeric and add the rice and bay leaf. Stir until the rice is coated and add the chicken broth, and salt and pepper to taste. Cover and bring to a boil on top of the stove.

4. Once boiling, move to oven and bake for exactly 17 minutes. Remove the cover and discard the bay leaf. Fluff rice with a fork. — Adapted from "Craig Claiborne's

The New York Times Cook Book"by Craig Claiborne and Pierre Franey

Green beans with mustard sauce

Makes: 6 servings 1 pound green beans 1/2 tablespoon Dijon mustard Juice of 1/2 lemon 2 tablespoons olive oil Salt and pepper 1. Trim ends of the beans

but leave beans whole. Let stand in cold water until ready to use. Steam in a vegetable steamer or boil until crisp-tender, about 4 minutes. 2. As the beans cook.

whisk together mustard, lemon juice and olive oil until thoroughly combined. Stir in salt and pepper to taste. Drain the beans when cooked. Add the mustard sauce to the

beans and toss to coat well. Serve piping hot. Recipe from "Craig Claiborne's The New York Times Cook Book"by Craig Claiborne and Pierre Franey

Three bean salad

Makes: 6 servings 1 (15.5-ounce) can cannellini beans, drained and rinsed

1/2 (15-ounce) can lentils, drained and rinsed, see

1/2 (15.5-ounce) can

garbanzo beans (chick peas), drained and rinsed

1/2 cup olive oil 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar

1 tablespoon lemon juice 1 bunch fresh chives, chopped Note: Canned lentils are

available at specialty stores, health food stores and international markets. If you can't find them, you can cook a small amount of dried lentils yourself, or substitute ½ (15-ounce) can of black beans.

Place the cannellini beans, lentils and garbanzo beans in a large bowl and drizzle with the olive oil. Combine the vinegar and lemon juice, season with salt and pepper, and add to the salad. Sprinkle with the chives and toss lightly.

Serve immediately. — Recipe from "The Silver Spoon"

Roasted parsnips

Makes: 4 servings 4 large parsnips, peeled, quartered lengthwise, then quartered crosswise 2 tablespoons olive oil Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place parsnips on a baking dish or sheet. Drizzle with oil and toss to coat. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast parsnips uncovered until tender, about 35 minutes.

— Recipe from "Bon Appetit Fast Easy Fresh Cookbook" by Barbara Fairchild



Hotteok filled with sugar, nuts and cinnamon. Crisp and chewy on the outside, gooey on the inside, the popular street food feels nostalgic for some Korean Americans, novel to others. JENNY HUANG/THE NEW YORK TIMES

'A Korean soul food'

The warm, sticky-sweet resurgence of hotteok, a type of pancake

By Priya Krishna The New York Times

he most challenging part of eating hotteok is the waiting, chef Judy Joo said. It takes a few minutes for the hot sugar encased in the crisp, chewy pancakes to go from molten, burn-your-mouthoff goo to warm, sticky goodness.

As a child, she visited stalls in Seoul that sold the Korean treat during the winter. "It was torture, standing there in the cold" with the joyful scent of sugar and cinnamon filling the air, she said.

These days, Joo, 47, a chef and cookbook author, makes her own hotteok at home in New York. She combines bread flour with sweet rice flour, and stuffs each pancake with a filling of muscovado, peanuts, cinnamon and salt, then fries the plump rounds until they're a brilliant

golden brown. Hotteok (pronounced somewhere between HO-tuck and HO-duck) comes in both sweet and savory versions, from mozzarella to matcha, though the cinnamon-andsugar filling is among the most popular nowadays. At Jinjuu, the Korean restaurant in London that Joo ran until 2019, one of her top-selling dishes was a Snickers-inspired hotteok, with a filling of salted caramel, chocolate ganache, peanut butter and praline.

Joo isn't the only Korean chef experimenting with hotteok. At Mokbar, in New York, Esther Choi fills hers with pork belly. Sammy Pak has sold one with ham and cheese at his pop-up, Sammy's, in Oakland, California. Frankseoul, a South Korean cafe chain that opened a Frisco, Texas, location in 2020, offers Nutella-filled hotteok. (Trader Joe's began selling its own "sweet cinnamon filled Korean pancakes" last year.)

Despite all that innovation, JinJoo Lee, 55, who writes Korean-food blog Kimchimari, said the dish feels more nostalgic to people of her generation, who grew up in the 1970s and '80s. For them, it's reminiscent of a time when there was little foreign influence on South Korean foods, as that country was under authoritarian rule.



Judy Joo prepares hotteok in her home on Jan. 28. Joo makes her pancakes with muscovado sugar, which she says creates a gooier interior. HARRY MITCHELL/THE NEW YORK TIMES



Chef Hoyoung Kim at Jua, his New York restaurant, on Dec. 22. Korean chefs living outside that country, like Kim, have served hotteok in their restaurants, putting their own spin on it. RACHEL VANNI/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Yet hotteok itself is a product of outside forces. It was brought to the country by Chinese immigrants in the late 19th century, as an adaptation of bing. The sweet variation became popular in the 1950s and 60s, when U.S. foreign aid after the Korean War introduced inexpensive wheat and sugar to the country. Hotteok was cheap to make and sell — convenient for a time when South Korea's economy was struggling.

Today's young Koreans may not have grown up with hotteok, Lee said. In fact, many food stalls that sold hotteok are now gone, as the government severely restricted street vendors during the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, claiming that the stalls made the city less walkable.

But recently, as those



young people have reached adulthood, many have rediscovered hotteok, she said. "It is making a comeback."

"With the popularity of K-dramas and K-pop, there is an interest in Korean food," said John Lie, a professor of sociology at the University of California, Berkeley. (Members of Korean pop band BTS recently posted online photos of themselves eating hotteok.) "Both the K-pop stars and Korean drama stars, they are constantly

Kim's hotteok

has sugar on

the outside,

as a syrupy

dotted with

VANNI/THE

NEW YORK

TIMES

nuts. RACHEL

coating

eating Korean food." At Jua, a Korean tasting-menu restaurant in New York, chef Hoyoung Kim serves hotteok as the final course, pan-fried to order and lacquered with a syrup made of muscovado. He wanted to show that the humble dish could be part of a fine-dining experience.

"It's more than a street food," Kim. 36, said, "It's a Korean soul food."

Hotteok (sweet filled pancakes)

Total time: 45 minutes, plus 3 hours' rising Makes: 10 hotteok

For the dough:

11/2 cups whole milk

2 tablespoons granulated sugar 1 packet (7 grams) instant yeast

11/2 cups bread flour, plus more for dusting (see note)

1 cup sweet rice flour 1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch

1/2 teaspoon coarse kosher salt Vegetable oil, for greasing and frying

1/2 cup firmly packed muscovado or dark brown sugar ½ cup roasted unsalted peanuts, coarsely chopped 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon 34 teaspoon coarse kosher salt

1. Make the dough: In a small saucepan over medium heat, heat the milk to about 105 degrees. (If you don't have a thermometer, heat the milk until it feels like a warm bath — hot but not scalding). Remove from heat, stir in the granulated sugar and yeast, and whisk until the sugar has dissolved. Let stand in a warm place for 3 to 5 minutes, or until bubbling, to activate the yeast.

2. In a large bowl, combine the bread flour, rice flour, cornstarch and salt. Slowly stir in the warm milk mixture until a sticky dough forms. Grease your hands with a little oil to prevent sticking and shape the dough into a ball. Transfer the dough ball to another large bowl greased lightly with vegetable oil, and cover with a clean, damp kitchen towel. Let the dough rise in a warm place until doubled in size, 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Punch it down, cover again and let it rise until doubled in size again, about 1 ½ hours

3. Meanwhile, make the filling: In a small bowl, mix together the muscovado sugar, peanuts, cinnamon and salt. Muscovado sugar has a tendency to clump — use your fingers to squish any clumps.

4. After the dough has risen a second time, dust a clean work surface with bread flour and turn the dough out onto it. Dust the top of the dough with some more flour and knead it a few times. Shape the dough into a fat, long log. 5. Cut the dough into 10 equal pieces, shape each piece into a ball, set on the floured work surface, and cover with a clean kitchen towel or plastic wrap. Dusting with flour as needed to prevent sticking, press a dough ball into a 4-inch-wide disk using your fingertips. Make sure the disk is uniformly thick so the finished pancake will be evenly

6. Put the disk in your hand and slightly cup it. Spoon 2 packed tablespoons of the filling into the center of the disk. Seal the disk closed by wrapping the dough around the filling and pinching the edges together at the top. Once sealed, reshape gently to form a ball, set with the seam-side down on the floured work surface and cover with a clean kitchen towel or plastic wrap. Repeat with the remaining dough balls and filling. (You may have some leftover filling. Sprinkle it on buttered toast or roti. Combine it with peeled, sliced apples and bake it into a pie

7. In a large nonstick skillet, heat 3 tablespoons oil over medium-high. Put 2 or 3 dough balls seam-side down in the skillet and immediately flatten them with a spatula to a diameter of about 4 inches. Reduce the heat to medium and fry the pancakes until golden brown and crisp on the bottom, 3 to 4 minutes. Flip them and cook until the other side is golden brown and the hotteok feel slightly springy to the touch, 3 to 4 minutes more,

8. Transfer the hotteok to a wire rack or paper towellined plate when done. Repeat with the remaining dough balls, wiping the skillet clean and adding fresh oil for each batch. Let the hotteok cool slightly before serving; it's easy to burn yourself in your haste to gobble these up, as the insides are hot and oozing. Any leftovers can be cooled completely and frozen in an airtight container for up to a month. Reheat in a 350-degree oven, and refry in a pan with a little oil to crisp them again.

Note: You can substitute all-purpose flour for bread flour, using 12/3 cups all-purpose flour.

— Recipe from Judy Joo, adapted by Priya Krishna

Natural wines you need to try

This type of wine has been dismissed as a fad. But good bottles are out there.

By Eric Asimov The New York Times

As polarizing as natural wine has been, as heated and contentious as the arguments have gotten over its name and its reasons for being, its audience continues to expand, as do the number of producers.

Recently, I went shopping online for natural wines and found some that are a pleasure to recom-

Among natural wine's growing audience, some have surely been attracted because they think it's fashionable. Others are curious about wines made outside the norm, wines that combine a respect for nature with traditional methods of production and that both taste and feel really good.

Regardless of the initial allure, for many the appeal has lasted. Most striking is how popular natural wine seems to be among younger people, the demographic that the mainstream wine industry has the most difficulty reaching.

But although the number of producers has grown, the production of natural wine is necessarily small and labor intensive. The ethos of the genre is to farm organically; to ferment the grapes while adding nothing except perhaps a little sulfur dioxide, an antioxidant and stabilizer that has long been used in wine; and to remove nothing. It is a hands-on process that cannot be automated or mechanized for efficiency's sake.

In mass-market winemaking, wine must be protected against possible spoilage during every step of the production process. The cultured yeast, the enzymes and the overuse of sulfur dioxide are all compromises aimed at protecting the investment.

By contrast, natural winemaking is risky. It requires meticulous care



TONY CENICOLA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

in both the vineyard and the cellar as overly casual viticulture or winemaking can doom a batch of wine. To look at it another way, making natural wine requires great skill because mistakes can't be undone with additions or technology.

It's an arduous task, but the results can be thrilling.

This is not to say that people should drink only natural wine. An entire spectrum of methods and intentions exists between the poles of natural and industrial, and consumers have their reasons for selecting what they like, whether preference, convenience or budget.

I'm drawn to natural wines because I love the unmediated flavors and expressions that come from grape to glass. I love the clear sense of place I often find and being able to sense the personalities of the producers in the glass. I'm moved by the respect for culture and tradition inherent in natural wine.

Because it is so laborious and personal to produce, natural wine is hard to scale up. It is necessarily

made in small quantities, so these wines may only be available in certain parts of the country.

One characteristic of natural wine culture is to question authority, including that of wine critics. So, even if you do find these bottles, feel free to experiment, to try other others.

Here are my recommendations, from lowest to highest price.

Roberto Henríquez Secano Interior Itata Rivera del Notro Blanco 2020, 12% alcohol, \$23: Roberto Henríquez Ascencio made wine in Canada, South Africa and the Loire Valley before settling in the Bío Bío region of Chile. He works with very old vines that have been farmed organically or biodynamically. This fresh orange wine is made of roughly equal parts sémillon, muscat of Alexandria and corinto, better known as Pedro Ximénez. It's intensely floral, lightly textured and altogether delicious.

Absentee Winery California Red Wine 2019, 14.5%, \$26: The minimalist label on this bottle tells you almost everything you need to know. The wine? It's red. The ingredients? Grapes. That's it. The proprietor, Avram Deixler, worked all over the world before setting up shop in Point Reyes Station in northern Marin County, where he grew up. This bottle, as I later learned, is made with carignan, syrah, zinfandel, petite sirah and abouriou, all grown organically in Mendocino County. The wine is fresh and alive, mildly tannic, direct and to the point. It's potent, but wears its power lightly. Abouriou, by the way, is a grape from southwestern France that used to be popular in California, where it was known as "early burgundy" for its tendency to ripen quickly.

Ca'de Noci Emilia Rosso Bio Sottobosco 2020, 10%, \$27: When I drank this earthy, savory, sparkling red wine from Emilia-Romagna I imagined I had gotten it directly from a farmhouse there. It's not rustic, it's simply wonderful — bone-dry, moderately

tannic, fruity and stony, unaffected by commercial polish or marketing sensibilities. Not surprising, given Ca' de Noci's excellent track record of making superb wines without sulfur dioxide, this wine was perfectly stable. Drink it with pizza, Italian sausages or just for fun.

MicroBio Correcaminos Castilla y Léon 2020, 13%, **\$29:** Ismael Gozalo is the founder and proprietor of MicroBio. He gets grapes from a variety of sources, but his home territory is the village of Nieva in Castilla y Léon, northwest of Madrid. This particular wine, Correcaminos, was made of old vines of verdejo, farmed organically, aged in steel vats and bottled without sulfur dioxide. It's slightly cloudy, fresh and alive, with earthy, refreshing flavors of fruits, flowers and herbs.

Wild Arc Farm New York State Blackbird 2020, 10.5%, \$30: Wild Arc Farm in the Hudson Valley got its start in 2016 and already is in the vanguard of young, imaginative producers working with hybrid

grapes. It is best known for its revival of piquette, a lowly beverage given by preindustrial landowners to their agricultural workers, which historically was made by refermenting grape pomace with water. Wild Arc turned it into a delicious, sparkling, low-alcohol beverage that has been widely embraced. Blackbird is not piquette. Rather, it's a blend of riesling and noiret, a red hybrid, which are fermented together. The result is a thirst quenching, deliciously refreshing, spicy wine that goes down

Milan Nestarec Czech Republic OKR 2020, 12.5%, **\$30.1 liter:** Milan Nestarec makes natural wines using grapes from his family vineyards in the Moravia region of the Czech Republic, which is closer to Vienna than to Prague. Over the last decade, his wines have gotten better and better. This easy-drinking white blend of chardonnay, grüner veltliner, sauvignon blanc and savagnin is macerated with the skins briefly for a touch of texture and a hint of tannins. With its lively acidity. OKR is like a bolt of energy, dry and thoroughly refreshing.

2Naturkinder Black Betty Landwein 2019, 11.5%, \$30: Michael Völker and Melanie Drese, the proprietors of 2Naturkinder, make luminous wines from sometimes unlikely combinations of grapes. This one is made mostly of domina, a cross between blauer portugieser, a once popular German grape, with pinot meunier and a little bit of pinot noir. It's pale garnet, and though domina has the reputation of making tannic wines, this is delicate, almost fragile in its purity and loveliness. The wine is named Betty after the first lamb born in their domina vineyard.



START PLANNING YOUR **NEXT GETAWAY**



THE BALTIMORE SUN Chicago Tribune Daily Press THE MORNING CALL Orlando Sentinel Hartford Courant SunSentinel The Virginian-Vilot

In Print. Online.

Look For The Travel Section In Your Sunday Publication



Scottish soup is its own kind of medicine

By Melissa Clark The New York Times

A rare upside to living in a pandemic has been that, thanks to all the mask-wearing and distancing, I've managed to avoid my usual onslaught of winter colds. This has radically altered my chicken soup habits.

Usually, I would brew a pot of Jewish penicillin at the first sign of a scratchy throat. Full of garlic, celery, carrots and noodles simmered until so soft and slippery that chewing is hardly required; it's pure childhood comfort for me. It has seen my family through countless sniffles and bouts of bronchitis. Whenever I feel rotten, no other soup will do.

But without the bodily need for that exact brand of brothy medicine, I have been branching out. And one of my favorite new-to-me chicken soup variations is Scottish cocka-leekie.

A recipe dating to at least the 16th century, it's considered the national soup of Scotland, ladled up for St. Andrew's Day, Hogmanay and Burns Night.

The most minimalist recipes call for a rich chicken broth thickly strewn with slices of leek and chunks of the stewed bird, without so much as a parsley sprig or carrot slice decorating the bowl. More elaborate incarnations include beef broth or meat, rice or oatmeal, and — a typically medieval addition

prunes or raisins. Writing in the early 19th century, under the pen name Margaret Dods, Christian Isobel Johnstone has a cock-a-leekie recipe in "The Cook and Housewife's Manual" that includes capon, beef shin, optional oatmeal and plenty of leeks, "boiled down into the soup till it becomes a green lubricious compound.

But she skips the dried



Rich with chicken, leeks and prunes, this cock-a-leekie soup is Jewish penicillin of a different order. DAVID MALOSH/THE NEW YORK TIMES

fruit, calling it obsolete. In my version, I have kept the diced prunes, which add a lovely sweetness, but nixed the beef. which seems like overkill when you have already got a chicken in the pot.

And in lieu of rice or oatmeal, I opted for the barley suggested by Felicity Cloake in her recipe in The Guardian, which she prefers for its chewy texture and nutty flavor.

Breaking from tradition, however, I also stirred in garlic, celery and carrots. It nudged the broth ever so slightly closer to my beloved Jewish penicillin, but without obscuring the leeks, chicken and prunes. Warming, hearty and very satisfying, it is sure to cure whatever ails you, be it of body, or of mind.

Cock-a-leekie soup (Scottish chicken and leek soup)

Makes: 4 to 6 servings Total time: 2 1/2 hours 3 ½ pounds bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs and drumsticks

3 teaspoons kosher salt (Diamond Crystal), plus more as needed ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more as needed 4 large leeks, cleaned, separate greens

and whites 3 medium carrots, peeled (reserve peels), cut into ¼-inch-thick coins 2 celery stalks, thinly sliced (reserve any leaves)

1 head garlic, halved crosswise 1 bunch parsley, stems and leaves separated

3 to 5 fresh thyme sprigs 1 fresh or dried bay leaf

1 star anise or clove 1 teaspoon whole black peppercorns 2 tablespoons unsalted butter 1/2 cup pearl barley

1/2 cup chopped pitted prunes **1. Season** chicken with 2 teaspoons salt and ½ teaspoon black pepper. Set chicken aside while prepping the other ingredients.

2. Put leek greens, carrot peels, celery leaves, garlic, parsley stems, thyme, bay leaf and star anise at bottom of large Dutch oven or soup pot. Place chicken on top of vegetables. Add remaining 1 teaspoon salt and peppercorns, and pour in 8 cups cold water, or enough to just submerge the chicken. 3. Bring to a boil over high heat, then

cover the pot. Cook until chicken is cooked through and very tender, 45 to 55 minutes. 4. While the chicken cooks, slice three of the leek whites into 1/2-inch

reduce heat to a simmer and partly

coins. Thinly slice the remaining leek white; set thinly and thickly sliced leeks aside separately. 5. When the chicken is tender, using

bowl, discarding vegetables and herbs.

tongs, transfer to a large bowl or plate to cool. Strain the broth into a large

6. Wipe out the Dutch oven and return it to medium-high heat. Add butter, letting it melt. Add the thick leek coins (save the thinly sliced leek for garnish), a pinch of salt and pepper, and sauté until tender and golden brown, about 5 minutes. Transfer leek whites to a bowl (they can go on top of the chicken if there's room)

7. Pour broth back into pot. Bring broth to a brisk simmer, and stir in barley. carrots and celery. Let broth simmer uncovered until the liquid is reduced by a third, and the barley and vegetables are tender, 40 to 50 minutes.

8. While the broth is simmering, use a fork or your fingers to shred chicken into bite-size pieces, discarding skin

9. Once the barley and vegetables are tender, stir in shredded chicken. sautéed leek whites and the prunes, and simmer for another 5 minutes to allow the prunes to soften (some might disintegrate). Taste and add salt, if needed. To serve, garnish with thinly sliced leek whites and parsley leaves.



The hardest part of this recipe is waiting for your caramel popcorn to cool before you eat it. ASHLEY MOORE/AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

Caramel popcorn is perfect for a movie night at home

America's Test Kitchen

Did you know that popcorn comes in different shapes? There are two main kinds: butterfly (also called snowflake) and mushroom. Most of the popcorn you get at the movies or buy as kernels in the supermarket is the butterfly shape, which pops up light and fluffy with lots of "wings" sticking out.

Caramel popcorn, however, is often made with mushroom popcorn, which has popcorn shapes work for this recipe, but if you find mushroom popcorn in a specialty

Caramel popcorn

Makes: 7 1/2 cups

7 cups popped plain popcorn 5 tablespoons unsalted butter 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar ¼ cup dark corn syrup

¼ teaspoon salt ¾ teaspoon vanilla extract

1/4 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 cup salted peanuts (optional)

1. Adjust oven rack to the middle position and heat oven to 250 degrees. Spray inside bottom and sides of a 13-by-9-inch metal baking pan with vegetable oil spray. Place popcorn in baking pan.

2. In a large saucepan, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add brown sugar, corn syrup and salt. Bring mixture to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, stirring occasionally, until mixture thickens slightly, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat.

a rounder shape (like a mushroom with a cap) and a more sturdy texture. Both store or online, give it a try in caramel popcorn.

3. Carefully add vanilla and baking soda (mixture will bubble and foam). Add peanuts (if using) and stir to combine.

4. Carefully scrape caramel mixture onto popcorn in baking pan. Use a rubber spatula to gently stir until popcorn is evenly coated. Spread popcorn into an even layer.

5. Bake for 20 minutes. Remove from oven and transfer to a cooling rack. Use a rubber spatula to carefully stir popcorn, scraping up caramel from the bottom of the pan. Spread popcorn back into an even layer.

6. Return the baking pan to the oven and bake until popcorn is a deep golden brown, about 40 minutes, repeating stirring halfway through baking.

7. Remove baking pan from oven and transfer to a cooling rack. Carefully stir popcorn one last time. Let caramel popcorn cool completely in the pan, about 30 minutes. Break popcorn apart with your hands and serve.

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

A creamy 'poor man's paella' to serve for the whole family

By Diane Rossen

Worthington Tribune Content Agency

We have been experiencing frigid nights in Los Angeles, which is unusual weather for our mild climate. The other night, I pulled out some recipes from an old folder and found this time-tested staple from a time when our daughter was young. It had all the characteristics for casual cold weather fare: creamy and comforting. And it's a big hit for

little ones as well as adults. "The poor man's paella" and "a Mexican party dish with a Spanish ancestry" are just two descriptions given to this homey one-dish rice main course. According to Jacqueline Higuera McMahan, author of "California Rancho Cooking," arroz con pollo was served at large parties on the California ranches when it was not possible to barbecue outdoors.

I like to add fresh mint leaves to lightly infuse the rice and punch up the



This dish is a big hit for little ones as well as adults. DREAMSTIME/TNS

Traditionally arroz con pollo is served "as is," but I prefer it with salsa and a dollop of sour cream. For extra spice, add smoked paprika in Step 4.

Make your own salsa or purchase a fresh storebought variety that is as

spicy as you like. A romaine and avocado salad would be a lovely first course. For dessert, fresh berries with sweet fruit yogurt toping would be a satisfying ending. What to drink? A bright, well-oaked chardonnay is the answer to this earthy dish.

Arroz con pollo

Makes: 4 servings

1 large whole chicken breast, skinned and boned

3 cups water

2 tablespoons olive oil 1 small onion, finely chopped 11/2 cups long-grain rice

1 medium carrot, peeled and diced into 1/2-inch pieces 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

½ cup finely diced red bell pepper 1 cup frozen tiny peas, thawed 1 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon pepper

3 large fresh mint sprigs

To garnish: Fresh mint sprigs

1/4 cup sour cream or plain nonfat yogurt 1/4 cup spicy green or tomato salsa (fresh or

1. Place the chicken breast in a 2-quart saucepan and add 3 cups of water. Bring to a simmer for 10 minutes. Cover the pan and remove it from the heat. Let sit for 10

minutes. Remove the chicken from the pan and shred it into bite-sized pieces. Reserve the chicken and the stock. 2. In a medium saucepan over medium

heat, heat the oil. Add the onion and saute for 2 to 3 minutes or until slightly soft. Turn up the heat to high and add the rice and carrots. Brown them for about 3 minutes, stirring constantly. 3. Add the reserved stock and lemon juice

to the rice, stir with a fork and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low.

4. Add reserved chicken, mint and red pepper; cover and cook for 10 to 12 minutes or until the rice is almost cooked. Add peas during last 3 minutes of cooking and continue simmering until all the liquid has been absorbed and rice is tender. Add the salt and pepper, and taste for seasoning. **5. Remove** the mint and spoon the rice into a serving dish. Garnish with fresh mint sprigs and serve the sour cream and salsa on the

Advance preparation: This dish can be prepared up to two hours ahead through Step 4 and reheated gently.